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Warrant for Town Meeting March 6th 1871

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the 6th day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

" 2d To choose necessary town officers for year ensuing.

" 3d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the year ensuing.

" 4th To raise money for the support of schools the year ensuing.

" 5th To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads & Bridges the year ensuing.

" 6th To raise money to repair the Roads & Bridges the year ensuing

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation or appropriate any money now in the treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest on the town debt.

" 9th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes the year ensuing.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 6th 1871 Continued

Art. 10th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in the anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current-expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th To see if the town will restrain Neat Cattle & Horses from running at large on the common grounds & highways the ensuing year.

" 13th To see what measures the town will take in relation to the appropriation of the money obtained from dog Licenses.

" 14 By request of Isaac P. Bacon to see if the town will instruct the Assessors to take a valuation of the real estate in the town, provided the Legislature does not direct them to take it before the tenth of May next.

" 15th To see if the town will raise money to build a lobby, and a sleeping room for strangers upon the town farm, or do any thing in relation to the same

" 16th By request of Jesse E. Farnsworth Jr. & seven others to see if the town will make a reduction of the tariff of prices for use of the Town Hall in favor of the Parker Lodge, No 131 I. O. G. T.

" 17th To see if the town will raise money by taxation and appropriate the same to pay for repairs & alterations made on town farm buildings during the past year.

" 18th By request of the Com. chosen at last March Meeting to procure a new hearse, to see if the town will get a harness for said hearse, also to see what disposition they will make of the old hearse

Warrant Continued 1871

Art. 19th By request of Thomas Stiles to see if the town will provide some protection to prevent any further loss of life by drowning in Shawsheen River, on Mrs Jonathan Lanes Estate, & provide some suitable place for the inhabitants to bathe, without exposure to public travel, or do any thing respecting the same,

" 20th To raise money for the support of the Poor the ensuing year

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall & at the Post-Office 9 days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber
John T. Boynton
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 25th 1871.

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same at the places specified

Wm A. Lane Constable of Bedford

Bedford Feb. 28th 1871

A true Copy Attest W. A. Stearns Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 6th 1871

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Art. 1 & 2. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator

" 2 " William A. Stearns Clerk. sworn

" Marcus B. Webber, " John S. Boynton, " Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen sworn

Isaac P. Bacon, Henry Wood, Nath. C. Cutler } Assessors sworn

William M. Mudge, William Parker, Charles H. Clark } Overseers of Poor (sworn

William A. Stearns } Treasurer (sworn

William A. Lane, James M. Pushee } Constables sworn

Oliver J. Lane } School Com. for 3 years.

Marcus B. Webber Collector of taxes sworn

Joseph H. Goodwin, George Simonds, Lyman Cole } Cemetery Com.

Charles L. Flint } Pound Keeper sworn

George Simonds } Funeral Undertaker

William A. Lane, George Simonds, Albert Bacon } Fence Viewers sworn

William M. Ashby, Moses Page, William A. Lane, Amos B. Cutler } Surveyors of Lumber (sworn

Marcus B. Webber, William A. Lane, Isaac P. Bacon, Jonas E. Monroe } Surveyors of Grain

Charles C. Dowd, Joseph H. Goodwin, Moses E. Rowe, Jonas E. Monroe } Field sworn

Charles A. Covey, Jonas Monroe, Thomas Stiles } Wood & Bark

Oliver J. Lane, Abraham E. Brown, William Lyon } Drivers

Oliver J. Lane, Albert Bacon, Moses Page, } Surveyors of Shingle

March Meeting March 6th 1871 Continued

Fire Wardens

Thomas Stiles, George Simonds, Charles A. Losey } Center

William A. Lane, North
William W. Mudge, South
Joseph Skinner, East
Benjamin J. Davis, West

Surveyors of Highways

Hiram Clark Dis. No 1 s
William W. Mudge " 2 s
Charles H. Clark " 3 s
Hiram L. Dutton Dis No 4
William Lyons " " 5
Elbridge W. Stearns " " 6

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock.

Thaddeus H. Davis
Benjamin J. Davis
Benjamin F. Hartwell

Auditors

Joseph H. Goodwin
Elijah W. Stearns

Art. 3d Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year

$1500.

" 4th Voted to raise sixteen hundred dollars for the support of schools the year ensuing

$ 1600.

" 5th Voted that a money tax be raised and assessed upon the polls & Estates of the inhabitants, residents and non residents as other town charges are assessed, also to divide the town in to six Surveyors Districts as follows Viz: District No one. comprising Dis. No. 1, 2 & 11 as described in the records of the town meeting held on March 2d 1868.

District No 2

comprising District No 3 and 4 as described in the records of the aforesaid meeting.

Town Meeting March 6th 1871 — Continued

District - No 3 —
comprising Districts No 5 and 6 as described in records of the aforesaid meeting.

District - No 4 —
comprising No 7 and 8 as described in records of the aforesaid meeting.

District - No 5 —
comprising Districts No 9 and 10 as described in records of the aforesaid meeting.

The five above mentioned Districts are not to include the Wooden Bridges supported by the town within their Circuits.

District - No 6
comprising all the Wooden Bridges supported by the town —
The several Surveyors to be chosen by ballot. —

The Money to be apportioned among the several Districts as follows, Viz:

Dis. No 1	48 p cent	Dis No 4	12 p ct
" " 2	10 " "	" " 5	14 " "
" " 3	10 " "	" " 6	6 " "

Art. 6th Voted to raise fourteen hundred dollars for the support of Roads & Bridges the year ensuing

$ 1400.

" 7th Voted not to ~~pay~~ ~~any~~ ~~to~~ raise money to pay any part of the permanent debt the present year

" 8th Voted to raise four hundred dollars to pay interest on the town debt

$ 400.

March Meeting. 1871 — Continued

Art. 9th Voted to collect the taxes the year ensuing in the following manner.

One half on the first Monday in October with twelve days grace, the remainder on the first Monday in February eighteen hundred & seventy two with twelve days grace, single polls payable on demand; if the first instalment is not paid promptly, the whole tax may be demanded & collected, and all persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six pr. ct. — And the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the town or County Treasurer within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector. Also that interest be collected on all taxes unpaid on the first day of March succeeding the assessment of the same at the rate of 7 per ct. per annum

Voted to pay the Collector thirty one dollars for collecting the taxes the present year.

" 10th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th Voted to restrain Neat Cattle & Horses from running at Large on the common grounds & highways the year ensuing.

" 13th Voted to appropriate the money received from dog licenses for the public Schools

" 14th Voted not to take the valuation of the Real Estate in the town the present year. unless directed so to do by the Legislature

Town Meeting March 6th 1871 — Continued

Art. 15th Voted to raise by taxation five hundred dollars to build a Lobby & Sleeping Room at the town farm

$500.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a Committee to build the aforesaid Lobby & Sleeping Room. —

" 16th Voted not to alter the tariff of prices for opening the Town Hall

" 17th Voted to raise three hundred dollars to pay for repairs that have been made on the town farm buildings during the year eighteen hundred & seventy

$300.

" 18th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Old Hearse as in their judgement they may think best. —

" 19th Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to confer with the heirs of Jonathan Lane, in relation to the bathing place at the Shawsheen River, and make all necessary inquiries in relation thereto, and report at an adjourned meeting to be held two weeks from to night at 7 o'clock P.M. —

Chose Thomas Stiles
" Henry Wood
" William M. Ashby
} a Committee for that purpose

" 20th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of the poor the year ensuing. —

$300.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor presented their report on the expenses of the town which was accepted and ordered on file —

Selectmens report on Guide Boards was read and accepted. —

Cemetery Com. report disposed off in the same way

Treasurers report was read and accepted and ordered on file.

Voted to adjourn, to meet Monday March 20th 1871 at 7 O'clock P.M.

A true record.
~~Attest~~ W. A. Stearns Town Clerk

March 20th 1871.

Town met agreeably to adjournment.

The Town Clerk being absent Thomas Miles was chosen Clerk pro tempore and sworn.

The Committee chosen at the annual march meeting, made a verbal report that they had conferred with the Heirs of Mrs Jonathan Lane, in relation to the bathing place at the Shawsheen River and they gave their consent, that the Town, might secure the place in any way they pleased against any further loss of life by drowning and fix a suitable place for the citizens to bathe on said Estate

On motion of Wm. M. Ashby, The town voted to raise the sum of one hundred dollars to be expended (if necessary) to fit up a bathing place on the Jonathan Lane Estate near Shawsheen River Bridge, on the main road, to Lexington, and choose a Committee of three Persons to expend the same

Chose Thomas Miles, Wm. M. Ashby, Oliver J. Lane } Committee

A true record
Attest Thomas Miles Town Clerk pro tempore

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3d 1871

[illegible] ss.

[illegible] said town
qualified to vote in elections & Town
affairs to meet in the Town House of said
Town on Monday the 3d day of April next
at 7 o'clock P.M. to act on the following
articles of Town affairs. viz

To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

To choose a Town Clerk for the remainder
of the term for which Wm. Wade William was
[illegible]
[illegible] for the remainder of the
term for which the said William A. Shea
was chosen both of said offices owing on
account of the death of the said
[illegible]

[illegible] ted to serve [illegible] William
[illegible] ested or [illegible]
[illegible] vid at the [illegible]

Middleby N.S.

Town Meeting April 5th 1841

In accordance with the warrant served and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough met and acted in the matter contained therein as follows—

Chose Thomas Miles Moderator

" 2d Chose Silvanus J. Gray Town Clerk, Town
" Albert Dean " Treasurer Town

Voted that a committee of two be chosen to examine a collection of the Books now in the office of the Town Clerk

" J. C. Sampson

Voted that the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen & Assessors

[illegible]

Meeting of the Selectmen and Town Committee

[illegible]
calling a meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Town Committee, for the purpose of filling a place on the Board of said Committee, caused by the resignation of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting, Nov. 7th 1871 to elect a Commissioners of Insolvency. [illegible] Commissioners for Middlesex County, [illegible] Representative to the General Court in Representative District No 21 Middlesex County, on a separate bill.

Also to act upon the following articles of Town affairs Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting:

" 2nd To see if the town will accept a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen:

" 3d To see what action the town will take in relation to building the Middlesex Central railroad:

And you are directed to serve this warrant by [illegible] attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of holding said Meeting:

Moreys. B. Webber } Selectmen
John T. Boynton } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

Bedford Oct. 21st 1871

Middlesex ss.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified. Nov. 1. Dwd. Constable of Bedford

[illegible] Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1871

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the Inhabitants of said Town met and acted upon the subject matter contained therein as follows

The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County offices. The votes received sorted and counted by the Selectmen and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting and were for the following persons. Viz:

Governor

William B Washburn	of	Greenfield	seventy nine votes	79
John Quincy Adams	"	Quincy	fifty one "	51
Benjamin F Chamberlin	"	Boston	four "	4
Robert C Pitman	"	Sandwich	one "	1

Lieut Governor

Joseph Trucker	of	Denver	seventy nine Votes	79
Edward P Bond	"	Greenfield	fifty one "	51
Allen Dean	"	Westfield	four "	4
Lightfoot Tuck	"	Springfield	one "	1

Secretary

Oliver Warner	of	Northampton	seventy nine "	79
Loretta Worthington	"	Hingham	fifty one "	51
Henry B Worthington	"	Quincy	four "	4
George S Ball	"	Upton	one "	1

Treasurer

Charles Adams Jr	of	North Brookfield	seventy nine "	79
Levi Heywood	"	Gardner	fifty one "	51
Henry J Walker	"	Charlestown	four "	4
John J Burke	"	Beverly	one "	1

Auditor

Charles Endicott	"	Canton	seventy nine "	79
Phineas Allen	"	Pittsfield	fifty one "	51
George P Sanderson	"	Lynn	four "	4
Ezra W Dunnell	"	Randolph	one "	1

Town Meeting Nov 1st 1881 Continued

Attorney General

Charles Train	of Boston	seventy nine votes	79
William Wirt Warden	Brighton	fifty one "	51
George L Ruffin	" Boston	four "	4
Oliver P Field	" Shelburne	one "	1

Councillor District No

J. S. Winn	of Newton	seventy nine "	79
Silas A Drew	" Lowell	fifty five "	55

Clerk of Courts

Oliver B Hurd	of Framingham	seventy nine "	79
William Wallace	" Charlestown	fifty four "	54
L H Wakefield	" Hopkinton	one "	1

Sheriff

Edwin Kimball of Lowell one hundred eight 108

District Attorney

John D Goodrich	of Newton	eighty three "	83
Charles A Stevens	" Somerville	fifty one "	51

Commissioners of Insolvency

William A Gale	of Medford	seventy nine "	79
George Stevens	" Lowell	" " "	79
John W Hammond	" Cambridge	" " "	79
[illegible]	" Lowell	fifty one "	51
[illegible]	" Somerville	four "	4
[illegible]	" Cambridge	one "	51
[illegible]	" Wakefield	three "	3
[illegible]	" Wilmington	" "	3
Jerry Locke	" Arlington	one "	1
O L Yoke	" Lowell	" "	1
Fredric Goodfellow	" Cambridge	" "	1

County Commissioners

Francis Marshall	of Natick	eighty "	80
Stephen P Nevins	" Lynn	fifty four "	54

Town Meeting Nov 1st 1871 Continued

Special County Commissioner

Edward Wheeler	of	Concord	Eighty one votes	81
Lyman Dike	"	Stoneham	Seventy nine "	79
Alexander Lewis	"	Concord	Fifty nine "	59
Columbus Corey	"	Everett	Fifty one "	51
John Lockerby	"	Woburn	Three "	3
Frank A Burgess	"	Malden	" "	3
Charles R Damon	"	Wayland	one "	1
Wilbur F Bigelow	"	Boston	" "	1

Senator

Saml. A Wright	of	Reading	Twenty six votes	26
Edward H Walton	"	Danvers	Fifty six "	56

Representative to General Court Middlesex 21st

William A Jelly	of	Bedford	Twenty votes	20
Richard L Bliss	"	Lexington	Eighteen "	18
William H Monroe	"	"	one "	1

Town Affairs

Art 1st Chose O. J Lane Moderator

" 2 Voted to accept of a list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen. The following is the list. viz.

William Lodge	Jonas C Monroe
John O Bacon	Henry Bacon
Thos E Fox	Geo. Reynolds
Geo Wood	William Adams
Geo Page	George H Smith drawer for Jurors for
Henry Simmons	Hiram L Dutton
	Thomas C Cutler

" 3 Voted that the Town subscribe for Two Hundred Shares of the Capital Stock of the Middlesex Central Railroad Company at the par value thereof, or Twenty Dollars per Share

Voted to pay said Subscription the sum of Twenty one thousand dollars in the following manner

Town Meeting Nov 1 1871 continued

Voted that the Treasurer of the Town be authorized and instructed to subscribe for said stock in the name of the Town and to raise upon notes or bonds in the name of the Town and upon such terms as he may consider most favorable for the Town. money sufficient to pay the assessments that may from time to time be made on such stock. Provided

as now surveyed from Lexington to Bedford crossing South Street north of Elm Brook (so called) about one hundred and thirty five rods from the main Road at the centre of the Town of Bedford

The above vote was by ballott and the check list was used 95 votes were cast. all in the affimative.

Voted to choose two persons to advise and assist the Treasurer in obtaining loans for that purpose

Chose P. W. Chamberlin and Thomas Stiles.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record attest.

C. A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec 18th 1877

[illegible]

[illegible]

Carline

Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[

Town Hall

Inhabitants of the Town
[illegible] on the Hollies contained herein as follows

[illegible]

[illegible] Town Hall and the building
[illegible] on the Town Farm as follows

1st $500.00 on the Town Hall
2d $800.00 on the House on Town Farm
3d $500.00 on the Barn " " "
4th $500.00 on the Ice and Barn
5th $400.00 on the Well

Prize Money Board would be asked said insurance

[illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1872

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading

G. R.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town House of said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine o'clock A.M. to act upon the following articles of town affairs. Viz:

Art 1 To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

" 2d To [illegible] for the ensuing year.

" 3d To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town for the ensuing year.

" 4th To raise money for the support of schools for the [illegible]

" 5th To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th To raise money to repair the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation or otherwise and invest [illegible] in the sinking [illegible] any part of the town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest on the town debt.

" 9th [illegible] for the ensuing year.

" 10th [illegible] if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the commencement of the [illegible] to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th To see if the town [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting March 4th 1872 [illegible]

[illegible] town will restrain Neat Cattle [illegible] common grounds and highways for the ensuing year.

13th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received from dog licenses.

" 14th To raise money for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

" 15th To see if the town will raise money to build a hearse and Engine House or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 16th To see if the town will join with the town of Carlisle in building a stone Pier at the centre of Smith's Bridge [illegible] upon the Bridge.

" 17th To see what provisions the town will make in relation to truant children and absentees from School.

" 18 By request of Reuben Bacon and nine others, to see if the town will appoint a committee to inquire into the management of the [illegible] Farm [illegible] and established for the government of [illegible] and kind of food and clothing that is furnished the poor that [illegible] of this unfortunate class of our fellow citizens, with power to send for persons and papers [illegible] respecting the same.

" 19th By request of Reuben Bacon to see if the town will instruct the Assessors for the year to abate the amount assessed to each individual day laborer over and above [illegible] provided [illegible] by law, and to [illegible] remuneration as a [illegible] tion, and further that they proceed to

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2nd 1872

[illegible] the Legally [illegible]
[illegible] instructions to attest to [illegible] only. and [illegible]
notify the Assessors, on or before the [illegible]
May ensuing, that they object to being [illegible]
for the support of any religious society.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting
[illegible]
the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not
and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to the Clerk of said Town at or before
the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Weaver
John T. Boynton
[illegible]
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feby 23rd 1872

Middlesex ss. [illegible]
within warrant by posting an attested copy of the
same at each of the places specified

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford.

Bedford March 2nd 1872.

[illegible]

In accordance with the warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows

Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator

" Charles A. Gray Clerk (Sworn)

" [illegible] } Selectmen (Sworn) Henry Wood, Nathaniel C. Cutter } Assessors (Sworn)

" William H. Bradley, William Porter, Charles E. Clark } Overseers of Poor (Sworn) [illegible] } [illegible]

William A. Lane, James H. Pushee } Constables (Sworn)

The Supervisors including the Moderator were chosen by ballot.

Voted that the school committee be increased and the school committee be increased to a number of six

Chose Abram E. Brown for three years

" N. Stanley Shaw " " "

" Mrs. Fanny S. Cutter " two "

" Mrs. Sarah Hunt " One "

" Joseph H. Goodwin } Cemetery [illegible] } [illegible]

" George Simonds

" Lyman Cole } [illegible]

" William A. Lane } [illegible] } [illegible]

" [illegible] } [illegible]

[illegible] } [illegible]

[illegible] March 4th [illegible]

Field Drivers

Abram E. Brown " J. Stanley Shaw
William Stoddard " Eliezer P. Lewis
Joseph H. Goodwin " Hiram Clark
Joseph Skinner [illegible]

Surveyors of Shingle

Oliver J. Lane " Moses Page " Albert Bacon "

Fire Wards

[illegible] } [illegible]
Charles K. Corey } [illegible]
William [illegible] [illegible]
Joseph Skinner East
Benjamin J. Lewis West

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock

[illegible]

Auditors

Joseph H. Goodwin Elijah W. Stearns

Surveyors of Highways

Hiram Clark Centre Dist No 1
Nathaniel E. Cutler North " " 4
William W. Hodge South " " 2
William Lyons East " " 5
[illegible] West " " 3
Bridge W. Stearns Bridges " " [illegible]

[illegible]

1500.00

4th Voted to raise sixteen hundred dollars [illegible]
of schools the year insuing [illegible]

[illegible]

" 4th Voted that a money tax be raised and assessed [illegible] the polls [illegible] residents and non residents as other town charges [illegible]

The money to be apportioned among the several Districts as discribed on Page 5th records of March Meeting 1871

" 5th Voted to raise sixteen hundred dollars for the support of Roads and Bridges the year ensuing

$1600.00

" 6th Voted to lay this article on the table

" 8th Voted to raise five hundred dollars to pay the interest on the town debt

$500.00

" Voted to collect the taxes the year ensuing in the following manner.

One half on the first Monday in October with twelve days grace; the remainder on the first Monday in February 1873 with twelve days grace; [illegible] payable on demand. If the first instalment is not paid when due [illegible] demanded and [illegible] taxes shall be [illegible] agreeably with the above vote of the town [illegible] the town or County Treasurer within two days after the expiration of the time of grace [illegible] collector, [illegible] taxes [illegible] month shall be collected upon the whole [illegible]

Town Meeting March 4th 1872 Continued

[illegible]
upon all the money he collects and [illegible]
Town and County Treasury.

[illegible]

" 11th Voted to authorize the selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell.

" [illegible] at large on the common grounds and highways the year ensuing.

" 13th Voted [illegible]
dog licenses [illegible]

" 14th Voted [illegible]
support [illegible]

$ [illegible]

" 15th Voted [illegible] to build a House and Engine House when the street ground deeded to the town by Mrs. Hamm[illegible]

$ [illegible]

[illegible] money to be drawn from [illegible] orders from the selectmen

[illegible]

[illegible]
House [illegible]

Cross [illegible]
" Sa[illegible]
" Ge[illegible]

$300,00

Voted that Cuvidge H. Dean and the Selectmen be a committee to make the necessary repairs upon the aforesaid bridge.

Voted that the usual number of members of the board of street commissioners be a committee to draft ordinances and agreements from time to time

Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

The Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the town which was read, accepted and ordered on file.

[illegible] presented their report on the town which was read, accepted and ordered on file.

Cemetery Committee presented their report which was read, accepted and ordered on file.

The Selectmen presented their report which was read, accepted and ordered on file.

[illegible]

[illegible]

said town qualified to vote in
to meet in the Town Hall in said
Monday the eighth day of April next at
clock P. M. to act upon the following
town affairs [illegible]

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd To see what action the town will take
relation to the suit brought against
inhabitants of Bedford by Tristram

3rd By request of Nathan E. Fowler to see if
town will appoint a committee to draft
code of by-laws or regulations for the government
the Reserved at the Town Farm, the same
when adopted to be considered as binding upon
the Overseers of the Poor and the Superintendent
said town meeting or do anything relative
to the same.

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting an attested copy of the same
at the Town Hall and at the Post Office nine
days at least before the time of said meeting.

[illegible] name and return of
this [illegible] with your doings thereon to the Clerk
of said town at or before the time of said Meeting

Moreus. B. Weber } Selectmen
[illegible]

[illegible] April [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Warrant for Town Meeting May 7th 1872 &c

And you are directed to serve this
warrant by posting up a copy of the same at the Town House and at the Post Office nine days at least before the time
for said meeting.

Given under our hands this
day of April A.D. 1872

Return this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of
said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen.
John F. Bowlen }
" " " }

Attest A. [illegible]

Middlesex ss.

This certifies that I have
posted within warrant by posting an
attested copy of the same in each of the
places mentioned.

William H. Lane
Constable of Bedford

Attest A. [illegible]

Olivier H. Fearns Defendant

Warrant for Town Meeting July 22nd 1872

Monday the 22nd inst. at 8 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2 To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to dispose of the stock of the Middlesex Hundred Railroad Company subscribed for by him in the name of the town,

And you are directed to serve warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and [illegible]

and make return of your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before [illegible]

[illegible]
Bedford met and acted on the
[illegible] as follows,

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 5th 1872

[illegible]

[illegible]

of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at one o'clock P.M. at which time the polls will be opened (and may be closed at five o'clock P.M.) to give in their votes to the Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.
for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver General, Auditor [illegible] of this Commonwealth, a Representative [illegible] Congress, a Senator for the Sixth Congressional District, one [illegible] for Middlesex County, all [illegible] the Congress of the United States [illegible] No. 7 and a Representative [illegible] the United States [illegible]

Sealed Oct 26th 1812

[illegible]

[illegible] Judges

should the votes for State and County Officers be so received sealed and kept by the Sheriff and public declaration made thereof in open Court

viz:

For Electors of President

Electors at Large

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Nich G. Abbott " Boston " " 2

Electors for District No 1

[illegible]

George Hamm & A. Judd Tompkins

[illegible]

James C. Carlisle & Torrance

Land Shedding Dist 5 & 172 Con.

[illegible]

[illegible] Bills of Divisa Twenty Eight (28)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

J.
A.
C.
H.
Ju
W.

E. P. Lewis
Joseph Young
[illegible]

E. E. Tyson

to adopt the following Code of Ordinances of the Corporation of the Town

The inmates belonging to the house are not allowed to leave the premises without permission of the superintendent or one of the keepers.

3rd. No inmate will be allowed to enter or in any manner negotiate with any place or person, without the consent of the superintendent or one of the keepers.

4th. The superintendent is to see that the inmates keep themselves clean and orderly, and that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the inmates [illegible] of good [illegible] and not allow them to [illegible]

[illegible]

The violations of any of the [illegible] rules are punishable accordingly, first, by extra confinement for the [illegible] offence; second, by keeping [illegible]

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1912 continued

7th. Discussions and resolutions were offered in conspicuous place in the Town house.

All persons desiring to care upon any of the inmates will be thereby welcome: provided compliance with the requirements of the law.

Art 4. Voted that a committee of three be chosen to certain the cost of Town House and the cost of supporting the same and the same at the next town meeting.

Chose C. L. Stone, W. F. Lane, A. W. Leach.

Voted to adjourn

Attest

Charles S. Corey Town Clerk

Adendi

Resolved. That the Moderator of this meeting be authorized to appoint a committee of three persons who shall nominate a committee of not less than three persons which committee shall inquire into the value of the Town Farm as a means of economically caring the inmates thereof, and the relative interest of the town in disposing of the same; and that said committee have power to examine such town accounts, and other documents as may assist them in arriving at a conclusion.
Resolved. That said committee be requested to report at March meeting next and to serve without compensation

Chose the following committee
Henry Shaw N. C. Cutler, M. E. Crowe,
A true record Attest Charles S. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting on 20th 1873

Middlesex. S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the 20th day of January inst. at 7 O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2nd To see what action the town will take in relation to building a Soldiers' Monument.

" 3rd To hear the report of the Committee chosen at the town meeting held Nov 5th 1872 in relation to Street lamps. and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office 9 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Weller
John T. Boynton
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Jan 11th 1873

Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 20th 1873 Continued

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified.

William A. Lane } Constable of Bedford

Bedford Jan 18th 1873

A true copy

Attest

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of said Town met and acted upon the subject matter contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose George Simonds moderator by ballot and the check list was used

" 2nd Voted that there be a committee of five persons chosen to confer with the Ladies Monument Association or a committee they may choose in relation to the building of a Soldiers Monument and report upon plans and estimates thereon also to consider the expediency of erecting a Memorial Hall and report upon plans and estimates at some future meeting.
Chose George Simonds. M. B. Webber. J. P. Bacon
George A. Stetson C. L. Flint

" 3rd The committee made a verbal report which was accepted and no further action was taken

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Feb 11th 1873

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the 11th day of February inst, at 7 O'clock P. M. to act on the following articles of town affairs. viz:

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

" 2d " To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of Twenty thousand dollars and to give therefor the notes of the town, payable in from one to twenty years, with interest payable semi-annually at such rate as they may think proper. The same being the amount which the town is authorized to borrow in order to pay for the stock taken by the town in the Middlesex Central Rail Road Company

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office and at the Town Hall 9 days at least before the time of holding said meeting;

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen
John T Boynton } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

Bedford Feb 1st 1873

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified.

William A. Lane Constable of Bedford.

Bedford Feb 8th 1873

A true copy Attest

Charles L. Corey Town Clerk

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of said met and acted upon the subject matter contained therein as follows.

Art. 1st Chose George Y. Woods Moderator by ballot and the check list was used.

on motion of Thomas Stiles

" 2 Voted. To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of Twenty thousand dollars and to give therefor the notes of the town, payable in from one to twenty years, with interest payable annually at such rates as they may think proper that being the amount which the town is authorized to borrow in order to pay for the shares taken by the town in the Middlesex Central Rail Road Company.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

Charles L. Corey

Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 3rd 1873

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the third day of March next at 7 O'clock A. M. to act on the following articles of town affairs. Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To choose all necessary town Officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To raise money to defray the ordinary charges of the town the ensuing year.

" 4th To raise money for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

" 5th To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads and Bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th To raise money for the repair of the Roads and Bridges the ensuing Year

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation or appropriate any money now in the treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 8th To raise money to pay the interest on the town debt.

" 9th To raise money for the support of the Poor the ensuing year.

" 10th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Town Meeting Continued.

Art. 11th To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 12th To see if the town will take any measures for the singing of a song.

" 13th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways for the ensuing year.

" 14th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 15th To see what action the town will take in relation to disposing of the Town Farm.

" 16th To see if the town will take any measures to procure gravel for the repair of the highways.

" 17th To see what [illegible] money the town will appropriate for the purpose of building a Soldiers Monument, or for placing memorial tablets in the Town Hall in its present form, or in a Memorial Room prepared by the enlargement and alteration of the Town Hall.

" 18th By request of Wm. R. Hayden. To see if the town will make any change in the manner of notifying Town Meetings.

" 19th By request of Hayden Bacon and others. To see if the town will adopt a preamble and resolutions as presented by them, relating to the proceedings of the Moderator of the Town Meetings held on March 4th and April 8th 1872.

Town Meeting Continued Mar 3rd 1873

Art 20th By request of Reuben Bacon and others, To see if the town will appoint a Committee to procure a suitable Bell to be rung at 12 O'clock A. M. and 9 P. M. every day. and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay the expense thereof. or do any thing respecting the same,

" 21st By request of Reuben Bacon and others, To see if the town will appoint a Committee to purchase a Fire Engine with suction hose attachment. or do any thing respecting the same

" 22nd By request of Reuben Bacon and others. To see if the town will raise the sum of twelve hundred dr. and appropriate so much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of a Clock to be placed upon the Town Hall, Also to fit up a Room for a Library and Memorial Hall. or do any thing respecting the same,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office one day at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen
John T. Boynton } of
Oliver J. Lane } Redford

Redford Feb 22nd 1873

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified

W. A. Lane } Constable of Redford

Redford Mar 1st 1873

A True Copy Attest Charles A. Borey
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Continued Mar 3rd 1873

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows

Art 1st Chose Marcus B. Webber Moderator by the use of ballotts and check list

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk (Sworn)

Marcus B. Webber, John T. Boynton, Oliver J. Lane — Selectmen (Sworn)

Henry Wood, T. Stanley Shaw, Nath'l C. Butler — Assessors (Sworn)

W. H. Hodge, William Butler, George H. Smith — Overseers of Poor (Sworn)

Albert Bacon — Treasurer (Sworn)

William J. Lane, Jonas Melvin, J. H. Champney — Constables (Sworn)

Voted. To diminish the number of School Committee according to law.
Chose George Simonds for a term of three years.

Jos. E. Goodwin, Geo. Simonds, Lyman Cole — Cemetery Committee

Jonas E. Monroe — Sexton and Keeper

George Simonds — Annual Auditor

Wm A. Lane, Geo. Simonds, Albert Bacon — Fence Viewers (Sworn)

Thomas C. Butler — Collector of Taxes (Sworn)

Moses Page, Wm A. Lane, A. B. Butler, Jonas E. Monroe — Surveyors of Lumber (Sworn)

Marcus B. Webber, Wm A. Lane, L. P. Bacon, Jonas E. Monroe, Chas A. Corey, Jonas Monroe, Thomas Stiles — Surveyors of Wood and Lumber (Sworn)

Field drivers (Sworn)

Isaac Hastings, T. T. Hastings, Chas B. Hart, E. D. Butler, Frank Frost, L. C. Brown, Thomas Stiles

Town Meeting March 3rd 1873 Continued

Oliver T. Lane, Moses Page, Albert Bacon	Surveyors of Shingle	Wm. H. Goodwin, Elijah W. Stearns	Auditors

Thomas Miles	Centre Dis	Fire Wards (Sworn)	Hiram Hawk	1 Dis	Surveyors of Highways (Sworn)
George Simonds	" "		Wm. W. Mudge	2 "	
Chas. A. Morey	" "		Henry Wood	3 "	
Wm. A. Lane	North "		Chas. Coolidge	4 "	
Wm. W. Mudge	South "		Willard Ladd	5 "	
Wm. Skinner	East "		Elb. W. Stearns	6 "	
D. T. Davis	West "				

Art 3rd Voted. To raise two thousand dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town for the ensuing year

$ 2000.00

" 4th Voted. To raise sixteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools for the ensuing year

$ 1600.00

" 5th Voted. That a money tax be raised and assessed upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants residents and nonresidents as other town charges are assessed. The money to be apportioned among the several districts as described on page 5th

" 6th Voted. To raise two thousand dollars for the support of Roads and Bridges the ensuing year and that the surveyors use it in our discretion in the repairs of the sidewalks and culverts

$ 2000.00

" 7th Voted. To lay this article on the table

" 8th Voted. To raise eighteen hundred dollars to pay the interest on the town debt

$ 1800.00

" 9th Voted. To raise five hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year

$ 500.00

" 10th Voted. That the taxes be collected in the same manner as described on page 25

Town Meeting March 3rd 1873 Continued

11th Voted. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of Taxes. to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

12th Voted. To authorize the Selectmen to contract for the singing of a bell.

13th Voted. To restrain neat Cattle and Horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways the ensuing year.

14th Voted. To appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the public schools.

15th The Committee chosen at the Nov meeting presented their report which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file. and the article layed on the Table

16th Voted. That [illegible] to the Selectmen

17th Voted. That this article be refered to the next Nov meeting and that the Committee report and confer with the Ladies Monument Association.

[illegible] Voted. To lay this article on the Table.

Voted. To adjourn to Mar 5th at 1 O.clock P. M.

March 4th 1873

The town met agreeably to adjournment.

[illegible] presented by [illegible] Deacon

20th Voted. To [illegible] this article.

21st Voted. To lay this article on the Table.

Town Meeting March 4th 1873 Continued

Art 22nd Voted. That this article be refered to the Committee chosen to confer with the Ladies Monument Association

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor presented their report on the expenses of the town which was read. accepted and ordered on file.

The Selectmen presented their report on Guide Boards which was read accepted and ordered on file.

The Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the town which was read accepted and ordered on file.

Remaining Town officers presented their report which was accepted and ordered on file.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept. 1st 1873

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of August A.D. 1873 at 7½ o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles of town affairs Viz:

Art. 1 To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

2 To see what action the town will take in relation to the [illegible] of Bedford by Barnard McCann.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen of
John T. Baynton } Bedford

Bedford Aug 15th 1873

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Aug 15th 1873

Then I warned the inhabitants of Bedford by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified.

Jonas McCann } Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest Charles A. Green Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 25th 1879

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the matter contained therein as follows

Art 1st Chose George Simonds Moderator
this vote was by balott and the check list used

" 2nd Voted that the Selectmen be chosen a
[illegible]
the inhabitants of Bedford by Barnard McCann
[illegible]
or to compromise and settle the same if in their judgment it can be done on reasonable
[illegible]

Voted to Adjourn

A true record

[illegible] Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 4th 1873

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at one o'clock P. M. at which time the polls will be opened and may be closed at three o'clock P. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary Treasurer & receiver General Auditor Attorney General of this Commonwealth a Councillor for District No 6. Register of Probate and Insolvency for Middlesex County. a Sheriff for the Eastern Middlesex District. Register of Deeds for Southern District of Middlesex County. County Treasurer and one County Commissioner for Middlesex County all on one ballot;

Also for a Representative to the General Court for Representative District No 1 in Middlesex County on a seperate ballot;

And to act upon the following articles of Town affairs Viz.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2nd To act upon a list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and submitted for revision and acceptance.

" 3d To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to consider the subject of establishing a free

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[illegible] to confer with the directors of the present Library and to report at a future meeting or take any action upon the subject.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Thomas J. Hiser } Selectmen
John J. Boynton } of
Oliver J. Lane } Bedford

Bedford October 24th 1873

Pa Thomas J. H.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in each of the places specified nine days before the time of meeting.

William A. L[illegible] } Constable of Bedford

Bedford October 28th 1873

A true copy
Attest
Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 4th 1873

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the subject matter contained therein as follows.

The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers. the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting and were for the following persons viz.

For Governor

William B. Washburn	of	Greenfield.	Sixty-five	(65)
William Gaston	"	Boston	Fifty four	(54)
H. K. Oliver	"		One	(1)

Lieutenant Governor

Thomas Talbot	of	Billerica	Sixty-seven	(67)
William L. Smith	"	Springfield	Fifty three	(53)

Secretary

Oliver Warner	of	Northampton	Sixty seven	(67)
Benjamin F. Wells	"	Williamstown	Fifty three	(53)

Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles Adams jr	of	North Brookfield	Sixty seven	(67)
Nathan Clark	"	Lynn	Fifty three	(53)

Auditor

Alexander Cushman	of	Amherst	Sixty seven	(67)
A. Osgood Morse	"	Newburyport	Fifty three	(53)

Attorney-General

Charles R. Train	of	Boston	Sixty seven	(67)
Waldo Colburn	"	Dedham	Fifty three	(53)

Councillor

George O. Braslow	of	Somerville	Sixty six	(66)
William H. Shaw	"	Boston	Fifty three	(53)

County Treasurer.

Amos Stone	of	Everett	One hundred & twenty	(120)

Register of Deeds

Charles Bellows	of	Cambridgeport	One hundred & twenty	(120)

Register of Probate

Joseph H. Tyler	of	Winchester	Sixty seven	(67)
Frederick Greenleaf	of	Lowell	Fifty three	(53)

Town Meeting Nov 4th 1913 Continued

County Commissioners

Charles [illegible] of Bridgewater Nineteen (19)
William [illegible] " Lexington Fifty (50)

Senator

Brooks J. Batcheller of Lexington Sixty six (66)
C. H. [illegible] " Winchester Fifty four (54)

Representative to the General Court Dis 21

[illegible] " Lexington Sixty five (65)
[illegible] " " Fifty nine (59)

Town Affairs

Art 1st Chose M. B. Webber, Moderator

" 2nd Voted that the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen be accepted. The following is the list.

[illegible] E. [illegible] Marcellus Copeland
[illegible] Frank Wood
Charles H. Cobb Franklin Wilson
Abram E. Brown Lyman Cole
[illegible] Oliver Flint
William F. Frost Oliver J. Lane
William C. Cottrell [illegible] B. Nutting

" 3rd Voted that a committee of five be chosen to consider the subject of establishing a free public library, to confer with the trustees of the present library, and report at a future meeting. The following was the committee chosen for that purpose

Geo. F. Hosmer
[illegible] Chas. E. Bacon [illegible] E. Brown

Voted to adjourn
Attest Chas. A. Gray Town Clerk

Bedford Nov 5th 1875

[illegible]

Bedford

R. D. Binns [illegible] [illegible]

Lexington

" " " 234 " " [illegible]

Dunlap

" " " 59 " " [illegible]

Cassie

" " " [illegible] " " [illegible]

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I have used

West [illegible] [illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec 1st 1873

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the first day of December next at seven o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles relating to town affairs viz.,

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2nd " To see what action the town will take in relation to the suit of G. A. Noble vs Town of Bedford.

" 3rd " By request of the Cemetery Committee to see if the town will refund to the Ladies Monument Association the amount of money ($30.00) paid by them for Lots 142 & 159 on which they have erected a Soldiers Monument.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office and at the Town House nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Meeting.

Warren B. Wells } Selectmen
John J. Burton } of
Chas. F. Crane } Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting Dec 1st 1873

Middlesex ss.

This [illegible] attested copy of the same at each of the places specified more days before the time of holding the Meeting

Jonas Melvin } Constable of Bedford

[illegible]

Town Meeting Dec 1st 1873

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants [illegible] met and acted upon the subject matter contained therein as follows

1st [illegible] Simonds. Moderator

" 2nd Voted to choose a committee to defend the town against [illegible] George A. Noble with full power to consult and employ counsel [illegible] and settle the same, in the present [illegible] can be done on reasonable terms. Also for this committee the present board of Selectmen

" 3rd Voted to indefinitely postpone this article

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

Moses A. Gray
Town Clerk

[illegible]

To either of the Constables

[illegible]

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the second day of March next, at nine o'clock A. M. to act upon the following articles of town affairs. Viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

" 2nd To [illegible] town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To [illegible] money [illegible] for the ensuing year.

" 4th To raise money for the support of Schools for the ensuing year.

" 5th To see what method the town will take to repair the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

" [illegible] money for the repairs of the Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

" [illegible] the town will raise money by [illegible] or appropriate any money now in the treasury, belonging to the town [illegible]

" [illegible] money for the sup. of the Poor for the ensuing year.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2nd 1882

Art. 9th To raise money to pay the interest on the town debt.

" 10th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

" 11th To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 12th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 13th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways for the ensuing year.

" 14th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 15th To hear and act upon any report that may be presented by the committee chosen by the town to consider the subject of establishing a free public Library.

" 16th By request of Nathl C. Cutler to see if the town will instruct the Assessors to equalize the valuation list of 1881 or do any thing in relation thereto

" 17th By request of the Overseers of the Poor to see if the town will take any measure to collect a bill against the town of Concord for the support of George Rewenal, or do any thing respecting the same.

" 18th To see if the town will raise money for the establishment and maintainance of public drinking troughs within the public highways.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2nd 1874

Art 19th By request of Henry Bacon to see if the town will take any measures to cause South Street to be filled and graded on each side of the rail road track, according to the order of the County Commissioners, or take any action thereon

" 20th To act upon the report of the Selectmen in reference to alterations on the town way, called South Street.

" 21st By request of Wm R. Hayden, to see if the town will make any change in the manner of notifying town meetings.

" 22nd By request of E. B. Hosmer, to see if the town will pay the balance due him for labor on South Street

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Marcus B. Webber
John T. Boynton
Oliver J. Lane
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford February 21st 1874

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified nine days before the time of holding the meeting

William A. Lane
Constable of Bedford

Bedford Feb 24th 1874

A true copy attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 2nd 1874

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw Moderator by ballot and used ballots

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk (sworn)

Isaac P. Bacon Henry Bacon Thomas B. Hosmer	Selectmen (Sworn)	Isaac P. Bacon Henry Bacon Thomas B. Hosmer	Overseers of the Poor (Sworn)
Isaac P. Bacon Henry Bacon Thomas B. Hosmer	Assessors (Sworn)	Albert Bacon	(Sworn) Assessor
		Jonas Melvin E. B. Cutler	Constables Sworn

Chos. James A. Cutler for three years.
J. C. Norton to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of J. S. Shaw.

		Charles Hyde (sworn)	and sexton
George Simonds 2nd Jos. H. Goodwin 1st Lyman Cole 3rd	Com. Com. Sworn	George Simonds	Annual Inventory
		Thomas C. Cutler	Collector of Taxes (Sworn)
Wm A. Lane George Simonds Albert Bacon	Fence Viewers Sworn	Isaac P. Bacon Charles C. Corey Wm A. Lane	Surveyors of wood and Bark (Sworn)
Oliver J. Lane Moses B. Weeks Isaac P. Bacon Charles A. Corey	Surveyors of Lumber Sworn	Jonas Melvin Henry Bacon Charles H. Clark	
		Oliver J. Lane Moses Page Albert Bacon	Surveyors of Shingle
Frederick Lewis E. B. Cutler Charles O. Dowd W. Lyons Wm Clark C. Munzay H. Weeks	Field drivers Sworn		
		Joseph H. Goodwin Elizah W. Stearns	Auditors

Town Meeting March 2nd 1874 Continued

Art 2nd Thomas Stiles Centre Dis
Jos H. Goodwin " "
E. A. Gray " "
Wm A Lane North "
Wm H. Mudge South "
Joseph Skinner East "
B. J. Davis West "

Isaac S. Bacon 1 Dis
Wm H. Mudge 2 " Surveyors of highways (Town)
Jas S. Murray 3 "
Wards Henry Lesmages 4 "
Willard Ladd 5 "
Isaac E. Fitch 6 "

Wm A. Lane | Moyrefe

" 3rd Voted. To raise fifteen hundred dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town for the ensuing year.
$1500.00

" 4th Voted. To raise sixteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools for the ensuing year
$1600.00

" 5th Voted. That a money tax be raised and assessed upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants residents and nonresidents as other town charges are assessed. The money to be apportioned among the several districts as described on page 5

" 6th Voted. To raise eighteen hundred dollars for the support of Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year. and that the surveyors be instructed to lay out the money according to statute before July.
$1800.00

" 7th Voted. To lay this article on the table

" 8th Voted. To raise two Thousand dollars to pay the interest on the town debt.
$2000.00

" 9th Voted. To raise six hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year
$600.00

" 10th Voted. To collect the taxes for the ensuing year in the following manner, One half on the first Monday in October with twelve days grace, the remainder on the first Monday in January 1875 with twelve days grace.

Town Meeting March 2nd 1874 Continued

Art. 10th single polls payable on demand. If the first instalment is not paid when due the whole tax may be demanded and collected. All persons that pay their taxes agreeably with the above vote of the town shall be allowed a deduction of six per cent; and the Treasurer shall make a like deduction to the Collector on the amount paid in to the Town or County Treasurer within two days after the expiration of the time of grace upon the settlement with the Collector.
On all taxes not paid when due interest at the rate of one per cent per month shall be collected upon the whole amount unpaid.
Voted. To pay the Collector one half of one per cent upon all the money he collects and pays in to the Town and County Treasury.

" 11th Voted. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 12th Voted. To authorize the Selectmen to contract for the ringing of a bell, if in their judgment they think it is best.

" 13th Voted. To restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways the ensuing year.

" 14th Voted. To appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the public Schools.

" 15th Voted. That the committee chosen to consider the subject of a free public Library be relieved from further duty.

" 16th Voted. To instruct the Assessors to equalize the valuation list of 1871

Town Meeting March 2nd 1874 Continued

Art 17th Voted. To pass this article.

" 18 Voted. That the Selectmen be instructed to establish a public watering trough near the Lexington line and that the expence does not exceed twenty five dollars $ 25.00

" 19th Voted. To lay this article on the table.

" 20th Voted. That the report presented by the Selectmen in reference to alterations on the town way called South Street be refered to the Selectmen that they may report upon the subject refered to in it at a future town meeting.

" 21st Voted. That the Selectmen shall notify all legal voters by mail of all special town meetings seven days at least before the time of holding said meetings

" 22 Voted. To lay this article on the table.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor presented their report on the expences of the town. they were accepted and ordered on file

The Selectmen presented their report on Smoke Boards. accepted and ordered on file.

The Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the town. accepted and ordered on file

Cemetery Committee presented their report which was accepted and ordered on file

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands at Belfast this 24th day of August A.D. 1871.

A true copy attest

A. J. Nickerson
Chairman of the Commissioners of Highways in the County of Waldo

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belfast qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the town House in said Belfast on Monday September 4th 1871 at 2 o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles, viz.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

" 2nd To hear a report of the Selectmen in relation to laying out, altering, widening and grading South Street, and to act thereon in relation to the same.

" 3rd By request of the Cemetery Committee. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a suitable lot in the Cemetery and Selectmen be requested thereon at the next town meeting.

" 4th By request of J. J. Nickerson. To see if the town will grade in front of the new Hall, lot as the plan of G. A. Evans, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 5th To see if the town will choose a committee to consider the subject of laying out South Street and report at a future meeting, or do any thing regarding the same.

" 6th To see if the town will take any action in relation to the recent accident which occurred in the highway on the new road entering through.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 29th 1874

And you are hereby to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in two public places viz. at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in the said town 8 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four

Isaac P. Bacon
Henry Bacon
Thos B Hosmer } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places specified

Converse B. Colling Constable of Bedford

A true copy

Attest H. A. Gray Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 29th 1874

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the matters contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose Henry Bacon Moderator.

" 2nd The Selectmen presented their report in relation to the alteration on South Street which was accepted.

Town Meeting Sept 27th 1871

Art 2nd Voted that we adopt the report of the Selectmen in relation to the painting, lighting and painting of the Hall, and that they be directed to issue a warrant for the performance of the work to the lowest bidder at their earliest convenience.

" 3rd Voted. That the present school committee be chosen to appraise the lots in the Shawsheen Cemetery and report at the next town meeting.

" 4th Voted. That the subject matter related in art 4th in relation to Otis and Wales Streets be referred to a committee to report at the next town meeting and also in regard to the cost of land taken at the alteration of South Street.

" 5th Voted to lay this Article upon the table

" 6th Voted. To chose a committee of two with full power to make all necessary enquiries in relation to the subject matter contained in the warrant and report at the next November meeting. Chose for this Committee Alvin F. Barrett & W. Ayers

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest

Charles A. Carey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1874

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the third day of November next, at one of the clock P. M. to act on the following Articles Viz. Polls open at one O'clock may be closed at 4 O'clock

To elect one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Governor Councillor, one Senator, one Sheriff, one Auditor of accounts and Attorney General of this Commonwealth. Councilor and Senator of District No 6 District Attorney. County Commissioner. Commissioner of Insolvency and Sheriff of Middlesex County all on one ballot

[illegible] on a separate ballot and to act upon the [illegible]

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

" 2nd To act upon a list of Town Accounts by the Selectmen and submitted for revision and acceptance

3rd To see what way and manner the Town will [illegible]

" 4 By request of Mrs E. T. Tuttle. To see if the Town will cause a gravel walk this day of 1873

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1874

[illegible] warn the inhabitants of said town to meet at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of Oct in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

Isaac P. Bacon } Selectmen
Henry Bacon } of
Thomas B Homes } Bedford

Bedford Oct 26th 1874

Agreeable to the within I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and Post Office seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Jonas Sheldon Constable of Bedford

A true copy Attest C. A. Cory Town Clerk

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted as follows viz.

The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers [illegible] and examined by the Selectmen and public declared [illegible] and were for the following persons viz.

Governor

William Claflin of Boston [illegible] (159)
[illegible] (103)

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1874 Continued

Lieutenant Governor

William L. Smith of Springfield Fifty-one (51)
Horatio G. Knight " East Hampton Fifty-one (61)

Secretary

Benjamin F. Wiles of Williamstown Fifty-four (54)
Oliver Warner of Northampton Fifty-three (63)

Treasurer

Nathaniel Clark of Lynn Fifty-four (54)
Charles Adams jr of North Brookfield Fifty-three (63)

Auditor

A. Osgood Ware of Newburyport Fifty-four (54)
[illegible] Fifty-three (63)

Attorney General

Waldo Colburn of Lathem Fifty-four (54)
Charles R. Train of Boston Fifty-three (63)

Councillor for Dist No 6

[illegible] of Lynn of Malden Fifty-four (54)
[illegible] Fifty-three (63)

County Commissioner

George H. Stone of Ashland Fifty-one (51)
Harrison Harwood of Natick Fifty-four (64)

Special County Commissioners

L. N. Spilling of Winchester Fifty-four (54)
John M. Tobin of Belmont " (54)
[illegible] of [illegible] Fifty-one (61)
[illegible] Fifty-three (63)

Sheriff

[illegible] Thompson of Boston Fifty-six (56)
[illegible] Fifty-six (56)

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1874 Continued

Commissioner of Insolvency

Stephen H. Lane	of	Somerville	Forty	(54)
James Gerrish	of	Ayer	" "	(54)
Clement Reserve	of	Hopkinton	" "	(54)
Francis T. Hosselkus	of	Malden	Sixty three	(63)
John Spaulding	of	Ayer	" "	(63)
John H. Butler	of	Somerville	" "	(63)

District Attorney

Orrin Stephens	of	Lowell	Sixty one	(61)
Charles F. [illegible]	of	Cambridge	Fifty six	(56)

Sheriff

Godfrey Keiler Jr.	of	Medford	Fifty two	(52)
Charles Newton	of	Boston	Fifty [illegible]	(5[illegible])

Representative to General Court

William Winn	of	Burlington	Fifty four	(54)
S. A. Taylor	of	Carlisle	Sixty two	(62)

Representative in Congress 7th Dist

John F. Tarbox	of	Lexington	Forty [illegible]	(40)
Samuel Ayer	of	Lowell	Fifty six	(56)

Town Affairs

Art 1 Choice Town Officers [illegible] 72

Voted, in accordance with the act of Congress as passed by the Selectmen, the following is the list —

Wm. R. Guyden	Elbridge Chadwick
Joseph Skinner	George Simonds
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Lewis	[illegible]
Wm. J. Stedman	Hiram [illegible]
Nelson Bacon	N. F. [illegible]
Rufus C. Rice	[illegible]

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1874

Art 3rd Voted, That the Town be authorized and directed to borrow upon credit of the Town the sum of Two Hundred Dollars and that the sum be appropriated for the payment of the expenses and liabilities embraced in this article

" 4th Voted not to express the opinion of the town in favor of this article

The Committee chosen to appraise the lots in the Shawsheen Cemetery presented their report which was adopted and placed on file

The Committee chosen to investigate the [illegible] incidents which occurred near the newly erected weathering through made a verbal report. The subject was recommitted to them to report upon at their discretion

Voted to adjourn

A true record
Attest A. A. Gray Town Clerk

Bedford Nov 4th 1874

This is to certify that the Clerks of Lexington Burlington Carlisle and Bedford met in the Town Hall in Bedford Nov 4th at 12 o'clock with the [illegible] which were for the following persons Viz

Lexington	William Winn	187	N. A. Taylor	126	W. Morse
Burlington	"	"	89	"	" 31
Carlisle	"	"	41	"	" 64
Bedford	"	"	54	"	" 0
			371		221

[illegible] of the town of [illegible]
[illegible] combined with the measurements of two
[illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] on
South Street [illegible] in which we [illegible]

follows. Beginning at a stone bound on
the westerly side of South Street near the house
[illegible] Thence W [illegible] rods [illegible]
[illegible] Thence [illegible]
rods to a point in bound of Miss Louisa Hartwell
which is 82 feet from the fence on the opposite
side. Thence through land of Louisa Hartwell
[illegible]
rods to a point which is 82 feet from a stone
post in the southwest corner of J Wright's
[illegible]
rods to a point 40 feet wide from the opposite
side. Thence through land of said Hartwell
[illegible]
Mid. Cent. R.R. Co. where the distance to the
opposite side of the road is 60 rods
The line
[illegible]
at a point in bound of the house of Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible]
rods 7½ rods to the point where the
[illegible]

of the house of J. T. Winchester which is 40 feet wide from the opposite side. Thence running in

which is 50 feet from the opposite side,

belonging to the Mid. Cent. R.R. Co

We further recommend that the road and side walks be thoroughly graded in a workmanlike manner.

alterations and grading for your acceptance or rejection.

J. F. Bacon } Selectmen of
Thos B. Wanner } Bedford

A true copy

Attest Chas A. Corey Town Clerk

and Horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways for the ensuing year.

the money received for dog licenses.

12th To see if the town will instruct the Cemetary [illegible] grounds in suitable lots where the same has [illegible]

against them by Ambrose M. Cushing on [illegible] Harriet his wife

14th To see if the town will [illegible] grounds and that the division of the [illegible] be left at the discretion of the School [illegible]

15th To see if the town will accept the invitation given by Lexington & Concord to attend the Centennial celebration of the 19th [illegible]

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof [illegible] at the Town Hall and one at the [illegible] time of holding said meeting [illegible]

as aforesaid,

Given under our hands,

P. C. Bacon } Selectmen
Henry Bacon
Thos B. Hosmer

Middlesex, S.S. Feb 20th 1875

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]			
To fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Cutler	Com	Geo Simonds	Funeral undertaker
T. C. Cutler s	Collector	J. S. Bacon s	
		C. C. Corey s	Surveyors
		[illegible] s	of
Geo Simonds s	Viewers	Jonas Melvin s	Wood
A. Bacon s		Henry Bacon s	&
		C. H. Clark s	Bark
		[illegible] s	
		[illegible] s	
		[illegible]	Surveyors
		[illegible]	of
		[illegible]	Lumber
		[illegible] 1/2 s	
		[illegible] s	Surveyors
		[illegible] s	of
		J. W. Haynes " 4 s	Highways
		[illegible] " 5	
		[illegible] " 5	
		[illegible] s	
		[illegible] s	
		[illegible] s	Pound keepers
John H. Brown	Appraisers	[illegible] s	
Willard Dudd	of	[illegible]	
		[illegible] s	
		[illegible] s	
Franklin Hartwell	Sexton		

[illegible] Selectmen [illegible] the report of the town school committee was accepted and [illegible] on file

Town Meeting March 1st 1875

[illegible] 4th Voted. To raise [illegible] dollars to defray the ordinary charges of the town for the ensuing year $1500.

Voted. To raise seventeen hundred dollars for the support of schools for the ensuing year $1700.

Voted. To raise eighteen hundred dollars to [illegible] for the ensuing year $1800.

Voted. To raise six hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year $600.

Voted. To raise by taxation [illegible] dollars to pay the interest on the town debt for the ensuing year $2000.

[illegible] 5th [illegible] and estate of the inhabitants [illegible] the [illegible] to be apportioned among the several districts as described on page 5

" 6th Vote. To raise by taxation [illegible] dollars to pay a part of the town debt $2000.

" 7th Voted. That taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the collector receive the compensation of 3/4 of one per cent upon all the money he collects and pays into the town and county treasury.

" 8th Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to [illegible] in consideration of the payment of taxes before [illegible] interest to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 9th Voted. That the article be referred to the Selectmen with instructions to cause the [illegible] of a [illegible] to be [illegible] every day [illegible] during [illegible]

[illegible] Town Meeting March [illegible]

[illegible] money received for dog licenses [illegible] the public Schools

[illegible] this article to the next [illegible]

" 13th Voted. To embody a committee to defend [illegible] Mr. Cushing and Harriet his wife. Chosen for this [illegible]

" 14th Voted. To postpone this article to the next town meeting

" 15th Voted. To postpone the consideration of [illegible]

Voted. That the Treasurer and [illegible] be requested to prepare and pre[illegible] in March the amount of m[illegible] to be raised to defray [illegible] expenses of the [illegible] commencing [illegible]

The Selectmen presented their [illegible] and bonds which was acce[illegible] and placed on file

[illegible] committee, [illegible] their [illegible] report and placed on file [illegible] Voted that the Committee [illegible] report in the [illegible] with the schools of the other town [illegible]

Town Meeting March 1st 1875.

[illegible] finances of the town which was accepted and placed on file.

[illegible]

March 8th 1875

The town met agreeably to adjournment.

Art 15th Voted, That the invitations from Concord [illegible]

[illegible]

Road from the Town Hall to the Elm Tree on the [illegible] noon, and sunset on the nineteenth day of April [illegible] centenial year of the battles of Lexington and [illegible] for our liberties and civil rights [illegible] Wilson and Job Lane of Bedford, the former was killed, and the latter [illegible]

Voted. That the moderator of this meeting, Hon [illegible] Shaw be a committee to notify the committee of invitations of the towns of Concord and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] John S. Wyman moderator and [illegible] Cosmer.

Voted. That the inhabitants of the town be [illegible] morning of the 18th of April at 7 O'clock

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Chas. A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 22nd 1875.

Middleboro. Ss.

To either of the Constables [illegible]

County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify [illegible] Bedford on Thursday the 22nd day of April 1875 at 7 O'clock P. M. then and there [illegible]

1st To choose a moderator to preside in [illegible]

Art 3rd To see if the town will raise money, or [illegible] to build said roads and do any thing in relation to the same,

[illegible]

town treasurer when appointed collector

[illegible]

seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,

[illegible]

return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our [illegible]

[illegible]

J. F. Bacon } Selectmen
A. H. Marsh } of Bedford,

Bedford April 13th 1875

[illegible]

warrant by posting [illegible] Hall and Post Office as within directed,

Jonas Melvin Constable of Bedford,

A true copy

Attest

Chas A. Corey

Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 22nd 1875

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Chose Henry Shaw Moderator.

The Selectmen presented their report on the laying out of a road in the South part [illegible] meeting, it was then voted to suspend the rules of the meeting and also to reconsider the vote whereby the report of the Selectmen [illegible]

[illegible]

and the Selectmen were chosen a Committee to superintend the building of said road.

The following is the report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen of the town of Bedford [illegible] in the exercise of their discretion in modifying the roads of land in the South West part of Bedford in relation to which we were petitioned by 10 legal voters of the town. To lay out and locate a town road in the vicinity with said petitioners wishes as follows

Beginning at the corner of a wall between John M. Jones and Mary J. Hosmer at the town road [illegible] Jones house [illegible] to a stake [illegible] a little way leading [illegible] Hosmers house to the South [illegible] and terminates at a [illegible] in the little way at land of [illegible] said road is laid out

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forty feet wide, and contains one hundred and thirty one rods, more or less. The line surveyed is on the South West side of the road as laid out

And your board of Selectmen respectfully present the above road as laid out by them for your acceptance or rejection.

A. H. March
Eleazar P. Davis } of Bedford.

Bedford April 6th 1875

The Selectmen further report that they have awarded to Mary A. Cosmer for [illegible] by the town [illegible] the said town accept the above road, and shall have broken the ground.

Isaac P. Bacon
[illegible]
Eleazar P. Davis } of Bedford.

Bedford April 6th 1875

Art 3 Voted, To authorize the Treasurer to borrow one hundred and fifty dollars more or less, to [illegible] more or less, to pay damage on land of Mary A. Cosmer.

" 4 Voted, That the town do authorize their Selectmen to use all means for collecting the taxes which are now due or may hereafter become due.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record
attest
Chas A. Cozzens Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex, S.S.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex, holden at Lowell within and for said County of Middlesex, on the first Tuesday of September A.D. 1875.

In petition of Isaac C. Bacon and others for highway in Bedford.

This petition was presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting, holden at Cambridge within and for said County, on the first Tuesday of January last, when and where said Commissioners issued notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the time and place when and where they would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties as by said notice on file will fully appear, and thence said petition was continued to the last term holden at Cambridge aforesaid on the first Tuesday of June last, when and where said Commissioners did adjudge said highway to be of common convenience and necessity and thence said petition was continued to this time

And now the said Commissioners make return of their proceedings in the premises as follows:—

The County Commissioners for said County, having given all persons and corporations interested therein reasonable notice, as the law directs, met at the depot of the Middlesex Central Railroad in Bedford on the eighth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five and requested the Selectmen of Bedford or one or more of their number being present, to lay out and locate a new piece of road or highway in the town of Bedford and the following

is a true description of the said new piece of road as hereby laid out and located.

The northerly line beginning at a stone bound on Southerly line of Main Street and on division line between land of A. J. Cass and Heirs of Eliza L. Abbott, thence running S 68° 45' W. over land of Heirs of said Abbott & line has W. Chamberlain and Thomas and Ann W. Stiles one thousand nine hundred twenty four feet (1924) to bound on the easterly line of South Street. Southerly line is parallel to and fifty (50) feet distant therefrom.

And the said Commissioners determine and order, that the inhabitants of the said town of Bedford shall, on or before the first day of January which will be in the year 1875 lay open, construct, and complete said highway in said Bedford so that 25 feet in width thereof throughout the whole, exclusive of gutters on the sides, shall be safe and convenient for the passage of teams of every description, with customary bridges. The centre of the said part shall be the centre of the location. The form and manner of construction shall be as follows:

All obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid; and so shaped that the centre shall be 12 inches higher than the sides by a circular, curved surface; all small inequalities shall be reduced to a level, or a regularly inclined plane, and greater rises and hills, to an angle not exceeding one degree with the horizon; drains, sluices, and bridges constructed of stone, and of sufficient capacity, shall be made at all places necessary for conducting away the water; swampy and soft bottoms shall be raised at least 4 feet; and 12 inches on the surface of the whole part so elevated upon shall consist of coarse

or other material which shall be permanently hard; and permanent stone monuments shall be placed at each end, and at each angle, in said described line:-

Where excavations are necessary, the banks on the sides shall not make a greater angle than 45 degrees with the horizon; railings shall be erected at all steep and dangerous places; and the whole shall be done in a workmanlike manner, to the acceptance of the said Commissioners

And said Commissioners estimate the expense of making said highway in the town of at-

And the proprietors or occupants of the land, over which said highway is thus laid out, are allowed untill the first day of October next to remove therefrom any wood, timber or trees.

And said Commissioners having heard the proprietors of said lands by themselves or their agents, on the subject of damages by them sustained by reason of laying out said highway, have estimated the same as follows, to wit:-

To Andrew J. Cass Fifteen dollars	$ 15.
Heirs of E. Doolittle One Hundred and Fifty six	$ 156.
O. H. Chamberlain One Hundred and twelve	$ 112.
J. & A. W. Miles One Hundred & ninety four	$ 194.

In witness whereof, we, the said County Commissioners, have hereunto set our hands this seventh day of September in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five

Leonard Humphrey
H. Harwood
Daniel F. Walker

And the said Commissioners order, that the highway described in said return be, and the same is hereby established, as and for a public highway and that the same be recorded to the end that the same may hereafter be known as such.

And the said Commissioners further order, that the said several sums of money estimated as damages to the said persons, by reason of the premises, be paid to them respectively out of the County Treasury, when they shall present to the County Treasurer a certificate signed by the Selectmen of the town in which the land lies, that the land over which said highway is located has been entered upon and possession taken for the purpose of constructing said highway.

John J. Sawyer
Asst. Clerk

A true copy of Return
Attest

John J. Sawyer
Asst. Clerk

Recd for record Sept 13th 1875 at 5.15 P.M.

A true copy
Attest

Chas A. Gray
Town Clerk

[illegible]

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Wednesday the twenty-second day of September Instant at seven o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, Viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2nd To see if the town will construct the highway from Main Street to South Street in said Bedford as ordered by the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex,

3rd To see if the town will raise a sum of money sufficient to build said road.

4th By request of A. B. Cutler to see if the town of Bedford will accept of the betterment law as made and provided by the Statutes for laying out altering widening and improving streets and ways in cities and towns,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. The polls will be opened at 7 o'clock P.M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon

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to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

J. P. Bacon
A. H. March
E. A. Dunn
} Selectmen of Milford

A true copy
Attest
Abel A. Crosby
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 22nd 1875

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows,

Art 1st Chose for Moderator Henry Shaw

" 2nd Voted. That the town build the highway from Town Street to Main Street as ordered by the County Commissioners. And that a committee of three persons be chosen to take charge of the work of building said road and that they be directed to advertise for proposals for a time not exceeding two weeks. Chose for said committee Thomas Stiles. M. E. Rowe. C. H. Clark

" 3rd Voted. That the selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum of money sufficient to build said road and said sum to be repaid as above.

" 4 Voted. That the subject matter contained in art 4 be referred to next November meeting

A true record
Attest Abel A. Crosby Town Clerk

Wednesday P.M. This article that was referred to this meeting, we have chosen Mr. Henry Shaw moderator of this meeting

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1875

Middlesex. S. S.

To either of the Constables

[illegible]

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at [illegible] next

[illegible]

for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General, of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for District No Six, a Senator for the Sixth Middlesex Senatorial District, a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a [illegible] Representative District No twenty one, in Middlesex County, (All on one ballot)

The polls will be open at One o'clock [illegible]

Also to act upon the following articles of Town affairs Viz.

Art 1st. To choose a moderator for said meeting,

" 2nd " To act upon a list of Jurors presented by the Selectmen and submitted for revision and acceptance,

" 3rd " To see if the town will act upon the [illegible] articles of the last town meeting, which article was referred to next November meeting,

[illegible]

Oct 5th By request of the School Committee. To see if

you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting attested copies thereof, one at the
Hall, and one at the Post Office in Bed

A. H. March
E. C. Davis } of Bedford

Bedford Oct 25th 1875

thereof at the time and places specified.

Bedford Nov 1st 1875 Emerson B. Butler
Constable of Bed

Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1875

warrant
Selectmen
Overseers Office

[illegible] Selectmen and public declaration made thereof in their town meeting and were for the following persons viz,

For Governor

Alexander H. Rice of Boston	Eighty three	(83)
William Gaston " "	Seventy two	(72)
[illegible]		(1)
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy	One	(1)

Lieutenant-Governor

Frank G. Ketchum of Dorchester	Ninety two	(92)
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	Seventy	(70)
William [illegible] Bartlett of Pittsfield	One	(1)

For Treasurer

Charles Endicott of Boston	Ninety three	(93)
[illegible]		[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]		(11)
Henry B. Peirce of Abington	Ninety two	(92)

Auditor

Julius L. Clarke of Newton	Ninety one	(91)
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston	Seventy two	(72)

Attorney General

Charles R. Train of Boston	Ninety two	(92)
[illegible] of Worcester	[illegible]	(11)
[illegible]	One	(1)

[illegible]

[illegible]		(12)
[illegible] of Malden	Seventy	(11)

Town Meeting Nov 2nd - Continued

County Commissioners

[illegible] (19)

[illegible] (1)

[illegible] (2)

Senator for one year

John Cummings of Woburn Ninety three (93)

Gardner Morrill

[illegible] (1)

John A. Mason of Winchester Two (2)

Representative to the General Court for district

B. A. Whitney of Lexington Five (5)

Wesley Smith of Lexington Twenty one (21)

[illegible]

Voted. That the polls be closed at 4.45 P.M.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1875 Continued.

Voted. To rescind the vote of the town whereby the [illegible] school district was [illegible] it is now divided." This vote to take effect upon its passage.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record
Attest
[illegible] Town Clerk

Bedford Nov 3rd 1875

This is to certify that the Town of Burlington, Carlisle and Bedford met in the Town Hall in Bedford on the 2d inst. with the object of their meeting in the notice, and for the following persons, viz.,

Names of the persons	For Governor	For Lieut. Gov.	For Sec. of State	For Treasurer	For Auditor
Burlington	47	34	4		3
Carlisle	6	50	47		
Bedford	5	21	13		3
	170	263	228		

A true record
Attest
[illegible] Town Clerk

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen of the town of Bedford have complied with the requirements of law, in relation to notifying the owner of land on Spring St. in Bedford, in relation to which they were petitioned by ten legal voters of the town, to lay out and locate a town road, and also to discontinue a part of Spring St. lying nearly parallel with the above named road, and we have complied with said petitioners wishes as follows,

Beginning on Spring St. about 30 rods south of the Spring Hotel, running North 29 Deg. East 21 rods. Thence North 16 Deg. East 10 rods. Thence North 22 Deg. West 5 rods and 5 links to a junction on Spring St.

Said road is laid out 30 feet wide and contains 66 rods more or less. The line surveyed is on the west side of said road.

The Selectmen further report the discontinuance of so much of Spring St. as lies nearly parallel with the above road as laid out.

The above road as laid out has been graded in good shape by Wm. K. Hayden, and is a much more perfect road than you are asked to discontinue, and without any expense to the town, either by land damage or by grading. The above named road is known as the Judkins Avenue.

And your board of Selectmen respectfully present the above road as laid out by them, and also the discontinuance of so much of Spring St as is described in the above report, for your acceptance or rejection.

J. S. Bacon
Sarah H. March
Eleazar S. Davis
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb 23rd 1876

Read and recorded Feb 26th 1876

A true copy Attest C. N. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 6th 1876

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd " To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

" 3rd " To hear the annual report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

" 4th " To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

" 5th " To see what method the town will take to repair the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th " To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money now in the Treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th " To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

" 8th " To see if the town will authorize their Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

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Art 9th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for

" 10th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 11th To see if the town will restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common grounds and highways for the ensuing year.

" 12th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 13th To see if the town will vote to build a plank sidewalk from the common to the Rail Road Depot, and to raise & appropriate money for the same, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 14th By request of O. J. Lane & others, To see if the town will raise the sum of sixty dollars, and appropriate the same for the purchase & erection of a flag staff, to be placed on the spot of the one lately blown down, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 15th To see if the town will choose their Janitor of the Town Hall by ballot, in open town meeting.

" 16th By request of Wm Parker & Henry Wood, To see if the town will accept, and repair the sluice near West Bedford Depot or do any thing respecting the same.

" 17th To see if the town will fix the compensation of the several town officers, required by law to be chosen at the annual March meeting, where the same is not determined by statutory enactment.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 6th 1876 Continued

Art. 18th To see if the town will instruct their town Clerk to purchase a Supplement to the General Statutes.

" 19th To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to laying out, and discontinuing roads near the Spring Hotel, or do any thing in relation to the same

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in Bedford eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. The polls will open at nine o'clock, A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

Isaac P. Bacon } Selectmen
Aaron H. March } of
Edward S. Davis } Bedford

Middlesex, S. S.

Feb 28th 1876

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same in the Town Hall and Post Office eight days before the said sixth day of March 1876 as within directed.

Emerson B. Crutte } Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 6th 1876

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows

Art 1st Chose for moderator Henry. Shaw.

" 2nd " " " Town Clerk Charles. A. Corey (Sworn)

Isaac. P. Bacon.	Selectmen	John. T. Boynton	Assessors
A. H. March.	Sworn	Moses. E. Rowe.	Sworn
E. P. Davis		Henry. Wood	

S. W. Huckins.	Overseers of Poor	Eben A. Corey Sworn	Sexton
Wm. W. Mudge			
Geo H. Smith	Sworn	E. Challies	Constables
		A. V. Sampson	Sworn

Wm A. Lane			
W. Ellithorpe Sworn		Albert Bacon	Fence viewers
O. J. Lane Sworn	Field-drivers	Wm A. Lane	Sworn
Edmond Shelton		Geo Simonds	
E. V. Sampson Sworn			
C. H. Clark Sworn		J. P. Bacon	
S. C. Meader		C. C. Corey.	
		Wm A. Lane.	
C. H. Clark		J. Stiles	Surveyors of wood & Bark Sworn
C. C. Corey	Surveyors of Lumber Sworn	Henry. Bacon	
O. J. Lane		C. H. Clark	
C. A. Corey		J. M. Clark	
E. B. Cutler		C. A. Corey.	
Jos. Peagg		Jos. Peagg	
		C. P. Foy	

O. J. Lane.	Surveyors of shingles		
C. H. Clark		Geo W. Cass	Auditors
Albert Bacon		Jos H. Goodwin	

John H. Bacon	Inspectors of Lumber	Thomas C. Cutler	Collector of taxes
Milford Leadd			
John A. Boynton	Sworn	George Simonds	Fence viewer & undertaker

Town Meeting March 6th 1876 Continued

Art 2nd Chose for School Committee
Oliver J. Lane for a term of three years
Wm R. Hayden " " " " one year to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Geo. W. Carr

Jos H. Goodwin	Cemetery Committee	T. Miles	Fire wards
Geo Simonds		C. A. Corey	
Lyman Cole		J. H. Goodwin	
		Wm A. Lane	
Chas Hyde	Pound Keeper	Wm W. Mudge	
		Jos. Skinner	
Jos. H. Goodwin	Janitor of Town Hall	B. J. Davis.	

Highway Surveyors.

J. H. Champney		S	for Dis	No 1	Centre
Henry Bacon		S	" "	" 2	South
Henry Wood		S	" "	" 3	West
G. W. Haynes	Sworn	S	" "	" 4	North
Wm Lyons	Sworn	S	" "	" 5	East
Jos Goodwin	Sworn	S	" "	" 6	Bridges

" 3rd The Selectmen presented their annual report which was accepted and placed on file

" 4th Voted, To raise eighteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools for the ensuing year $1800.00

Voted To raise fourteen hundred dollars for a contingent fund for the year ensuing $1400.00

Voted. To raise two thousand dollars to repair the roads and Bridges for the ensuing year $2000.00
It was also voted that 10 per cent of said amount be reserved for removing snow is necessary.

Town Meeting March 6th 1876 Continued

Art 4th Voted. To raise nineteen hundred dollars by taxation to pay the Interest on the town debt for the ensuing year.
$1900.—

Voted. To raise by taxation ten hundred dollars to pay a part of the town debt
$1000.—

Voted. To raise ten hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
$1000.—

The Selectmen and Treasurer presented their report on the financial needs of the town which was accepted and adopted.

5th Voted. That a money tax be raised and assessed upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants residents and non residents as other town charges are assessed. also that the town be divided into six highway districts as follows. Viz.

District No 1

To include the road commencing at Carlisle bridge, thence running to Bedington line: the road commencing near the house of Nathan Pitch and running by the Wm Page place so called to Bedington line: the road running from Shawsheen cemetery to the main road: the road running on the Westerly and Southerly sides of the Common grounds: that part of South Street running from Main Street to the cross-road crossing on said South Street: the road known as the Spring road running from Main Street to Billerica line: that part of the West road so called running from Main Street to the junction of roads near the house of Alonzo Hutchinson: and any other roads in the Centre district so called not before mentioned.

Town Meeting March 6th 1876 Continued

Art. 5th. District No 2. To include the road beginning at rail-road crossing on South Street so called, thence running to the house of John and Terence McGovern; the new road beginning near the house of the a-ce [illegible] running to a private way leading to the South School house; the road beginning at the junction [illegible] thence running to Billerica line; the road beginning near the house of J. G. [illegible] thence running to Lincoln line; and [illegible] so called not before mentioned.

District No 3 To include the road beginning at the junction of roads near the house of Alonzo Hutchinson, thence running to Concord line; the [illegible] at the [illegible] junction thence running to the house of B. F. Davis, and thence to the Concord road; and [illegible] called not before mentioned.

District No 4 To include the road beginning at the junction of the Carlisle and Billerica roads, thence running to Billerica line; including the Chelmsford to Billerica line; the road beginning at the junction of roads [illegible] house [illegible] Billerica line near Herrick's Mill; the road beginning near the house of E. A. Butters, [illegible] Mr. Brown; and any other roads in the North District so called [illegible] mentioned.

Town Meeting March 5th 1876 continued

Art 5th District No 5. To include the road [illegible] the house Ab. E Rowe, thence running to Billerica line; the road running from the house of Cyrus Page to Spring road near the house formerly occupied by Ab. F. Brown; the road beginning at the junction of roads near the house of Nathan Allen, thence running by the house of Willard Dudley to Burlington line; the road beginning at the junction of roads near the house of William Lyon, thence running to the junction of roads near the mill on Vine brook; the road known as the Middlesex turnpike; and any other roads in the East District so called not before mentioned.

The above mentioned districts are not to include the wooden bridges supported by the town within their circuit

District No 6 To include all the wooden bridges supported by the town.

The money to be apportioned among the aforesaid districts as follows. Viz:

District No 1	44	per cent of the amount assessed	and
" " 2	10	" " " " " "	" "
" " 3	10	" " " " " "	" "
" " 4	15	" " " " " "	" "
" " 5	15	" " " " " "	" "
" " 6	6	" " " " " "	" "

Art 6th Voted to postpone this article

" 7th [illegible]

Town Meeting March 6th 1876 continued

Art 8. That it authorize a collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer which appointed collector may use.

" 9. That it authorize a collector to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 10. Voted To refer this article to the Selectmen with instructions to have a bell rung at 12 o'clock M. daily Sundays excepted

" 11th Voted To restrain neat cattle and horses from running at large on the common grounds in Ashfield up for the ensuing year.

" 12. Voted That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated to public schools.

" 13. Upon a motion of Henry Shaw it was voted: That a committee consisting of the Chairman of the board of Selectmen, the Highway Surveyor of the centre District and three to be appointed by the Chair, advertise for a public hearing on some evening in the course of the present month, and report to the town for their action at a town meeting, a plan for a sidewalk, with an estimate of cost of a plank and concrete sidewalk, the following persons were appointed by the Chair: D. W. Lane Wm. R. Hayden and Dr Simonds.

" 14th Voted That the part of this article which relates to the raising of money be indefinitely postponed; also That the town

Town Meeting March 6th 1876 Continued

Art 14 grant permission for a flag staff to be placed on the common on the spot of the one lately blown down.

" 16th Voted. To accept, and repair the sluice near the West Bedford Depot.

" 15th Voted. To choose the furniture for the Town Hall by ballot in open town meeting.

" 17th Voted. That the Collector receive for his service 3/4 of 1 per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 18th Voted. To authorize the Town Clerk to purchase a supplement to the General Statutes.

" 19th Voted. That the report of the Selectmen in relation to the laying out and discontinuing of roads near the Spring Hotel as described on page 102 be accepted and adopted.

The Selectmen presented their report on guide posts and boards which was accepted and placed on file

The Treasurer presented his report on the finances of the town which was accepted and placed on file.

The Cemetery Committee presented their report which was accepted and placed on file

Voted. To accept the reports of the Town Clerk and Overseers of the poor and that they be placed on file

Voted to adjourn to March 27th at 7 O'clock P.M.

March 27th 1876

The Town met agreeable to adjournment

Art 13th. The Committee chosen to take into consideration article 13th in relation to a plank and concrete sidewalk; presented their report which was accepted by the town. also Voted. To raise a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars to repair the side walk on the west side of South Street with screened gravel; keeping it as near the present width as possible and that the edge next the gutter be sodded to prevent the gravel from being broken. and that the money be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor. and that the Selectmen be instructed to purchase a suitable gravel screen; the expense to be paid from the contingent fund.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Chas A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 1883

To either of the Constables of Bedford.
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the twenty-second day of June inst: at 7½ o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will vote to establish a free Town Library or do any thing regarding the same

" 3rd To see if the Town will accept of any fund that may be raised by other organizations in aid of a Free Town Library or do any thing regarding the same.

" 4th To consider the question of placing in trust upon the selectmen, Library committee, the town Library if formed, and to take such action as may be legal and proper in regard to the same

" 5th To see if the Town will make any change in the tariff of prices for the use of the Town Hall.

" 6th By request of the Ladies Christian Temperance Union to see if the town will allow the use of the Town Hall for free public Temperance meetings, free of charge.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

" 7th To see if the town will allow the use of the Town Hall free of charge for all free public Lyceum lectures.

" 8th To see if the town will raise a sum of money not exceeding seventy five dollars for the purpose of relaying the water service near the Depot at West-Medford

" 9th To see if the town will appropriate the money received for Dog licenses, toward supporting a town library, or do any thing respecting the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in the said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

J. S. Bacon
A. W. Mann
E. F. Davis
} Selectmen of Medford

Constable of Sel.

Medford June 20th 1876

By virtue of this precept, I did on the nineteenth of June 1876 serve the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

[illegible] in the [illegible] by
[illegible] after posting [illegible]

Albert P. Sampson
Constable of Wayland

[illegible]
Elbridge P. Coggin
Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 25th 1875

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Wayland met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows,

Art 1st Chose Ell. P. Weaver Moderator

" 2nd Voted, that the town do establish a fire district Dismiss and choose all necessary officers, and that they be instructed to apply to the Legislature for an act incorporating them.

[illegible]
town by the Town Clerk & Assessors therefor, and that the town [illegible] fire district [illegible]

[illegible]

Voted, to lay this article in the [illegible]

Voted, that a committee of five persons be appointed to select a [illegible] officers and a set of rules for the government [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1876

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said county

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at one of the clock P.M. to bring in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of U.S. for Representative to the Congressional District, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Councillor District No 6. Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, for Senator for the sixth Middlesex Senatorial District, for Clerk of the Courts in Middlesex County, for Representative in General Court for the 18th District, County officers Register of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County Treasurer for Middlesex County, County Commissioner for Middlesex County. (All on one ballot)

The polls will be opened at one o clock P.M. and may be closed at four P.M.

Also to act upon the following articles of town affairs Viz;

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting,

" 2nd To act upon a list of jurors presented by the Selectmen, and submitted for revision and acceptance,

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Art 3rd To hear the report of the Committee chosen to procure a charter for a Free Town Library and take action thereon.

" 4th To see if the town will vote the use and warming of the Town Hall to the Library Corporation for a series of Lectures and entertainments in the course of the winter, without the services of the Janitor, or do any thing regarding the same

" 5th To see if the town will take any measures to open the sluiceway near the house of Henry Wood, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 6th To see if the town will renew their insurance upon the buildings and personal property on the town farm, or do any thing in relation thereto

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of Oct 1876

Bedford Oct 28th 1876 — J. F. Bacon, A. H. March, E. P. Davis — Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have served the same by posting attested copies at the Town Hall and Post Office ten days before the time of holding the meeting within called. Edwards Chaffin Constable of Bedford

I have carefully compared this copy with the original on file in the Town Clerk's office

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1876

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted upon the subject-matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes were received, sorted, and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons, Viz:

Electors of President and Vice President

Electors at Large

Thomas Talbott of Billerica,	One hundred and thirty four	134
Stephen Salisbury " Worcester	" " " "	134
William Gaston of Boston	Sixty two	62
Edward Avery " Braintree	" "	62

Electors for District No 1.

Warren Leedd of New Bedford,	One hundred and thirty four	134
James D Thompson of "	" Sixty two	62

District No 2

Theodore Dean of Taunton,	One hundred and thirty four	134
Samuel N Dyer of South Abington,	Sixty two	62

District No 3

John Holt Ogood of Boston	One hundred and thirty four	134
George P Baldwin " "	Sixty two	62

District No 4

Martin Brimmer of Boston	One hundred and thirty four	134
Charles Levi Woodbury of "	Sixty two	62

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District No 5

Samuel C Lawrence of Medford. One hundred and thirty four 134
Alpha E Thompson " Woburn sixty two 62

District No 6

George W Morrill of Amesbury. One hundred and thirty four 134
James V Smiley of Haverhill sixty two 62

District No 7

Carroll D Wright of Reading. One hundred and thirty four 134
James E Abbott of Lowell sixty two 62

District No 8

James Russell Lowell of Cambridge One hundred and thirty four 134
Edwin A Alger of " sixty two 62

District No 9

John C Whitin of Northbridge One hundred and thirty four 134
Eli Thayer " Worcester sixty two 62

District No 10

W B C Carson of Holyoke. One hundred and thirty four 134
Timothy S Wilson of Fitchburg sixty two 62

District No 11

Richard Goodman of Lenox One hundred and thirty four 134
Zebra Druckenbrod of Pittsfield sixty two 62

Governor

Alexander H Rice of Boston One hundred and twenty three 123
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy Fifty eight 58
John I Baker of Beverley Twelve 12

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Lieutenant Governor

Horatio G Knight of Easthampton	One hundred and twenty three	123
William R Plunkett of Pittsfield	sixty one	61
Daniel C Eddy of Boston	Nine	9

Secretary

Henry B Pierce of Abington	One hundred and twenty seven	127
Weston Howland of Fairhaven	Forty eight	48
Edward H Latrobe of Springfield	Thirteen	13
David B Phinney of South Abington	Five	5

Treasurer

Charles Endicott of Canton	One hundred and twenty seven	127
David V Skillings of Winchester	Fifty three	53
Weston Howland of Fairhaven	Thirteen	13

Auditor

Julius L Clarke of Newton	One hundred and twenty seven	127
John E Fitzgerald of Boston	sixty one	61
Jonatham H Orne of Marblehead	Five	5

Attorney General

Charles R Train of Boston	One hundred and twenty nine	129
Richard Olney " "	sixty one	61
Asa T Gray of Hyde Park	Five	5

Representative to Congress for District No 7

Benjamin F Butler of Lowell	Ninety one	91
Ebenezer R Hoar of Concord	Fifty four	54
John K Tarbox of Lawrence	Fifty one	51

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Councillor for District No 6

J. L. Harriman of Hudson Sixty one 61
Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton One hundred and thirty four 134

Clerk of Courts

Theodore C. Hurd of Cambridge One hundred and thirty four 134
Charles F. Howe of Lowell Sixty one 61

County Treasurer

Amos Stone of Everett One hundred and thirty four 134
Gardner Crowell of Littleton Sixty one 61

County Commissioner

Daniel P. Walton of Wakefield One hundred and thirty three 133
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn sixty one 61

Register of Deeds for the Southern district of Middlesex County

Charles B. Stephens of Cambridge
One hundred and ninety six 196

Senator for District No 6

Abraham B. Coffin of Winchester One hundred and thirty four 134
Horace V. Lynde of Melrose sixty one 61

Representative in the General Court

William S. Gleason of Billerica Eighty four 84
Edward Reed of Burlington One hundred and six 106

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1876 Continued

Town affairs

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw moderator

" 2nd Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen -

List of Jurors

Wm W. Mudge	Thomas Stiles
Henry Wood	George Burges
O. J. Lane	Willard Ladd
A. J. L. Cass	William Farrell
George H Smith	David Fitch
E. W. Higgins	W. G. Hartwell
J. H. Champney	M. B Webber

" 3rd The Committee chosen to procure a charter for a Free Town Library made a verbal report which was accepted by the town

" 4th Voted the use and warming of the Town Hall to the Free Public Library Corporation for a series of entertainments and lectures in the course of the winter.

" 5th Voted that the sluiceway be reopened under the direction of the Selectmen and that a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be appropriated from the money in the Treasury unappropriated for that purpose

" 6th Voted to insure the buildings and personal property on the town farm, and that the chairman of the board of Selectmen and Overseers of the poor be a committee to carry the vote into effect.

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest E. N. Gary Town Clerk

Bedford Nov 8th 1870

This is to certify that the clerks of Billerica Lexington Bedford and Burlington met in the Town Hall at Bedford Nov 8th at 12 O'clock with the returns from their respective towns which were found the following persons Viz!

Billerica	Wm S Pleason 273	Edward Reed 49
Lexington	265	195
Bedford	84	106
Burlington	48	61
	670	411

A true record

Attest Charles A Corey
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Warrant 5th 17 Mar 1871

Middlesex ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in the County of Middlesex Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to warn all persons qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the twelfth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

2d To choose all town officers to serve the ensuing year.

[illegible]

[illegible] and act thereon.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to see if the town will cause money by [illegible] town stock.

[illegible] to see if the [illegible] and manner of collecting taxes for the [illegible]

9th " To see if the town will authorize their collector [illegible] a town treasurer, when appointed collector [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the swinging of a bell

To see if the town will restrain [illegible] on the common grounds and highways for the year ensuing.

[illegible] provide the money necessary for any [illegible]

" 14th " To see if the town will choose their [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] funeral undertaker by ballot.

[illegible] increase of the Library to be expended [illegible] Public Library Corporation, or do any [illegible] thereto.

[illegible] the town will authorize the [illegible] to transfer from the [illegible] Library Fund to the Library Expenditure Fund of the Massachusetts Library Club any of the funds of a similar nature which may be [illegible] their judgment

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[illegible] to see if the Town will vote to pay [illegible] bills [illegible] the Library [illegible] to pay [illegible] the same.

1st To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the expense of finishing off a room over the Engine house, for the use of the Bedford Free Library Corporation, [illegible] to pay it by [illegible] the same.

2d To see if the Town will ratify the action of the Selectmen in relation to reinsuring the Town Hall and School rooms.

[illegible] see if the Town will take measures to finish the School House in the West and South districts.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford Feb 23d 1877

J. F. Bacon

Selectmen of Bedford

By virtue of this warrant I have posted attested copies of this warrant one in the Town Hall and one in the Post Office in said District. Albert F. Compton

Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting March 5th 1877

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw moderator

2nd " Charles A Corey Town Clerk

Chas H Clark		Chas H Clark	Surveyors
Oliver J Lane	Selectmen	Chas E Corey	of
H J Wells		O J Lane	Lumber
		Chas A Corey	
Albert Bacon		J C Wells	
Moses E Rowe	Assessors	Jos Gragg	
Jos Skinner			Surveyors
		J C Bacon	of
A W Hutchins	Overseers	Chas E Corey	Wood & Bark
W H Hodge	of	W A Lane	
George H Smith	Poor	Thomas Atkins	
		Henry Bacon	
Charles A Corey	Treasurer	Chas H Clark	
		J W Clark	
E A Butler	Constable	Chas A Corey	
Jonas Atkins		Jos Gragg	
		E J Butler	
Wm A Lane			
Walter E Wright		O J Lane	Surveyors
O J Lane	Tithing	E H Clark	of
Jonas Atkins	Men	Albert Bacon	Shingle
J J Simpson			
E H Clark		George W Bass	Auditors
L Bole		Jos H Sanborn	
Albert Bacon	Fence	A W Hutchins	Pound
W A Lane	viewers	W H Hodge	keepers
Thomas Atkins		George H Smith	Town farm Poor

Town Meeting March [illegible] 1871

Art 2nd Thomas C Cutler	Collector of taxes		
Wm R Hayden	School committee for three years		
Jos H Goodwin	Cemetery		
L Cole	Committee	Chas A Corey	
J N Hartwell		Jos H Goodwin	fire
		Wm A Dame	wards
Henry A Bacon	Pound keeper	Wm W Mudge	
		Jos Skinner	
Jos H Goodwin	Janitor for the Town Hall	B F Davis	
[illegible]			
J McC Sowen "	Surveyors	" "	2 South
[illegible] "	of	" "	3 [illegible]
[illegible] "	highways	" "	4 [illegible]
Jonas Melvin "		" "	5 East
Jos H Goodwin "		" "	6 Bridges
J. N. Hartwell	Funeral undertaker		

" 3rd Voted to accept the annual report of the Selectmen

" 4th Voted to raise two thousand dollars for the support of schools for the ensuing year 2000.—

Voted to raise [illegible] dollars to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year 1600.0—

Voted to raise nineteen hundred dollars to liquidate, to pay the interest on the town debts for the ensuing year 1900.—

Voted to raise [illegible] dollars for a contingent fund and for removing snow for the year ensuing 1600.—

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4th Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the year ensuing 1500.—

Voted to raise by taxation ten hundred dollars to pay a part of the town debt 1000.—

5th Voted to accept the Survey made by the late Selectmen

" 6 Voted that a money tax be raised and assessed upon the estates of the inhabitants, residents and non residents, as other town charges are assessed for the support of roads and bridges. That the orders for all bills to be paid from the appropriation for roads and bridges be made payable to the persons who performed labor or who furnished teams or materials with the approval of the surveyor. That the Highway districts be the same as were adopted at the March Meeting last year. That the appropriation for roads and bridges be apportioned among the several Highway districts as last year

" 7th Voted that the taxes be collected at the same time and in the same manner as last year

" 8th Voted to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use

" 9th Voted that the town be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the support of the poor to pay current expenses

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Art 10th or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for. Also to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars to pay the note of the town held by the [illegible] of the Commonwealth

" 11. Voted to refer this article to the Selectmen with instructions to have a bell rung at 12 o'clock M.

" 12 Voted to [illegible] running at large on the common grounds and high-ways for the ensuing year

" 13th Voted to indefinitely postpone this article

" 14th Voted to [illegible] the Town Hall by ballot.

" 15th Voted to refer the [illegible] bell,

" 16th Voted that the money received by [illegible] be expended for the repairs of the Library & be applied under the direction of the trustees of the Public Library Corporation.

" 17th Voted to raise and appropriate the money [illegible] for the support of the Library to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation

" 18th Voted to authorize the Selectmen to [illegible] the [illegible] of the Town Clerk & the Library Corporation. The copy of record of the [illegible] Library and every other [illegible] of a similar nature which would [illegible] be more useful in the Biblio-

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the Bedford Free Public Library Committee [illegible] meeting. Chose for this committee the board of Selectmen.

" 20th Voted to ratify the doings of the Selectmen in relation to reinsuring the Town Hall and School rooms

" 21st Voted to refer this article to next November meeting.

The Selectmen presented their report on guide posts and boards which was accepted and placed on file

[illegible] presented their report which was accepted and placed on file.

[illegible] of the town presented their report which was accepted and placed on file.

The Treasurer and Selectmen presented their report for the financial needs of the town which was accepted and placed on file.

Voted to adjourn to March 19th 1877 7 o'clock P.M.

[illegible]

[illegible] committee
into consideration which [illegible] presented
their report which was accepted.

[illegible]

I hereby record
Attest
Charles F. Corey
Town Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible] of the Commonwealth
[illegible] of Bedford in said County,
[illegible]

[illegible] in the name of the Commonwealth
[illegible] Massachusetts, you are directed
[illegible]

Art. 1st [illegible]

" 2nd " [illegible]

[illegible]

Mains

[illegible]

[illegible] of the town clerk, provided it cost [illegible] and a less rate of interest than

" 4th By agreeing to pay Owen and Stiles [illegible] [illegible] of the works passed at the annual town meeting on [illegible]

" 5th Do see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, [illegible] of fitting up rooms over the engine house, for the use of the Ladies' Fire Union, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee chosen at the March meeting and further action the recommend their [illegible]

" 6th Do see if the town will elect a Fire [illegible] in the place of [illegible] resigned in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the town [illegible] by the [illegible] for [illegible] upon the [illegible] for the year 1877 or do any [illegible] executive [illegible]

Inhabitants are directed to notify [illegible] by posting a attested copy of [illegible] one at the town hall and one at the post office in said town eight days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this [illegible] day of October, one thousand [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in accordance with the petition and and notice the inhabitants of the town of [illegible] met and acted on the matter [illegible] therein as follows!

[illegible]

2nd Voted to pay the compensation of the auditor of town for the year 1877 and 4 dollars for certain town meeting Board into the treasury

" 3rd Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to use any money in the treasury unapropriated or to borrow money to pay that of the Rail-road loan that becomes due on February 21st 1878

" 4th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt, provided it can be borrowed at a less rate of interest than [illegible]

" 5th Voted to indefinitely postpone this article Voted to suspend the rules and order to reconsider art 5th the vote stands as [illegible]

" 10th Voted to lay this article on the table

Voted to adjourn.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 3rd 1877

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the third day of September next at seven o'clock P.M. to act upon the following articles Viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd By request of A. B. Butler and others to see if the town will request the County Commissioners to lay out and order to be constructed, the proposed highway, in Bedford, running from near the junction of the Concord and Billerica roads to the rail road station on the Middlesex

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Art 2nd Central Railroad in said Bedford, adjudged by them to be of common convenience and necessity, in accordance with a plan made by them, provided, the town will assume the cost of the same in excess of one thousand dollars, to be paid by the County.

Art 3rd To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to defray the expenses incurred in constructing the highway referred to in article second of this warrant.

Art 4th To see if the town will appoint a committee to appear before the County Commissioners at the hearing upon the petition now pending for said highway and present to said Commissioners any vote of the town that may be passed under the preceding articles.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall and at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

Geo H Clark
Chas J Lane
Marcus B. Webber
} Selectmen of Bedford

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Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Aug 25th 1877

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified.

E. B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 3rd 1877

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose E. G. Loomis Moderator,

" 2nd Voted that the Town do request the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out and to be constructed the proposed highway in Bedford in accordance with a plan made by them for said highway and the town do assume the cost of the same in excess of the thousand Dollars to be paid by the County

Art 3rd Voted to lay this article on the Table

Art 4th Voted to choose a committee to appear before the County Commissioners at the hearing upon the petition now pending for said highway and present to said Commissioners any vote of the town that may be passed under the preceding articles. Chose for said Committee

Town Meeting Sept 3rd 1877

Art 1st U. S. Butler & W. Hutchins and Henry Hall,

Voted to adjourn to Sept 18th 1877 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Sept 18th 1877

The town met agreeable to adjournment.

The Committee chosen to to meet the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex and present to them the vote of the town, made a verbal report.

Voted to reconsider art 2nd whereby the Town requested the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out and to be constructed the proposed highway in Bedford in accordance with a plan made by them for said highway, and that the Town do assume the cost of the same in excess of One thousand dollars to be paid by the County.

Voted to lay art 2nd on the table

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Chas. F. Gray
Town Clerk

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Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Friday the nineteenth day of October inst, at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act upon the following articles;

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town of Bedford will request the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex to lay out and construct a highway in said Bedford, from a point near the junction of the roads leading from Concord and Carlisle to Bedford Village, to a point on North Street near the station of the Middlesex Central, said road being asked for in the petition of Lucas Coolidge and others now pending; provided the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated to the said Commissioners from the County Treasury towards the expenses thereof and the remaining expenses thereof be assessed upon said town.

Art 3rd " To see if the town will appoint a Committee to appear before said Commissioners at the hearing upon said petition and present any reasons the town may have under the preceding articles.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up

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attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall [illegible] meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid,

Given under our hands this the tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy [illegible]

Chas H. Clark } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of
Marcus B. Webber } Bedford

Bedford October 12th 1877 Middlesex S.S.
This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Chas A Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 19th 1877

in accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows.

Art. 1st Chose Henry Shaw Moderator

[illegible] to adopt the by-laws for the government of town meetings, heretofore in use by the town, for the present town meeting.

[illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 6th 1877

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County. Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next at one o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General of the Commonwealth; for a Councillor from District Number six; for Sheriff, one County Commissioner, two Special County Commissioners, three Commissioners of Insolvency, District Attorney of Middlesex County, for a Senator from the Sixth Middlesex Senatorial District; for a Representative to the General Court from the Sixth Middlesex District, on ballot. Also to bring in their votes for or against the following articles of amendment to the constitution of the Commonwealth. Article of Amendment; So much of article two of chapter six of the constitution of the Commonwealth as relates to persons holding the office of president, professor or instructor of Harvard College, is hereby annulled; and such persons shall be eligible to seats in the senate and house of representatives. The polls will be opened at one o'clock P.M. and may be closed at three o'clock P.M. Also to act upon the following articles relating to town affairs viz:

Art. 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting

" 2nd To act upon the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, and submitted for revision and acceptance

" 3rd By request of Lucy M. Stearns to see if the town will instruct the Overseers of the Poor

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to pay to her the interest of the amount received from the estate of Elbridge H. Evans, to be used for her benefit; the same to be expended at his discretion,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not; And make due return of this warrant; with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

Charles H. Elliot } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of
Marcus B. Webber } Bedford

Middlesex ss. Bedford October 27th 1877

This certifies that I have served the within warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the time and places specified.

Emerson B Cutler Constable.

A true copy,

Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Town Meeting November 5th 1877

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows: The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof upon the meeting, and were for the following persons, viz:

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Governor

Alexander H. Rice of Boston Sixty two (62)
William Gaston of Boston Forty four (44)
Robert C. Pitman of Newton Thirteen (13)

Lieutenant Governor

Caleb G. Forbes of Cambridgeport Eight (8)
William R. Plimpton of Hillsgrove Twenty one (21)
Elijah A. Morse of Canton Eight (8)

Secretary

Henry B. Pierce of Abington Sixty two (62)
Weston Howland of Fairhaven Thirty nine (39)
David B. Gurney of South Abington Eight (8)
Silas Wainwright of Northampton One (1)

Treasurer

Charles Endicott of Canton Sixty four (64)
David N. Skillings of Winchester Fifty two (52)

Auditor

Francis E. Clark of Canton Sixty three (63)
John C. Ellyson of Boston Sixty nine (69)
Jonathan C. Cox of Marblehead Eight (8)

Attorney General

Charles R. Train of Boston Sixty one (61)
Charles C. Thompson of Groton Thirty nine (39)
Orin T. Grey of Hyde Park Eight (8)

Sheriff for Middlesex County

Edward Kimball of South Sixty one (61)
Gardner Prouty of Littleton Thirty eight (38)
Asa Clement of Dracut Eight (8)

District Attorney

Oliver Stevens of Lowell Seventy one (71)
Stephen R. Simonds of Newburyport Thirty two (32)

County Commissioner

Harrison Howard of Natick Sixty two (62)
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn Thirty nine (39)
Marvin Lincoln of Malden Eight (8)

Special County Commissioners

Samuel Staples of Concord Sixty two (62)
Edward Everett Thompson of Groton Seventy one (71)
George O Byam of Chelmsford Thirty nine (39)

[illegible]

[illegible] (19)

Edward F. Richardson of Acton Eight (8)

Commissioners of Insolvency

John Shaw [illegible] of Auburn Sixty [illegible] (62)

John H. Rassell [illegible] of Somerville Sixty [illegible] (62)

Frederic T. Greenhagle of Lowell Sixty two (62)

Charles S. Lilley of Lowell Thirty nine (39)

[illegible] of Cambridge Thirty [illegible] (39)

Walter Babb of Melrose Fifty two (52)

William [illegible] of Lowell Eight (8)

John C. Mason of Winchester Eight (8)

Councillor for District No 6

Joseph N. Howard of Littleton Sixty two (62)

James L. Harriman of Hudson Thirty nine (39)

[illegible] of Lowell Eight (8)

Senator for District No 6

Abraham T. Coffin of Winchester Sixty nine (69)

Lucius Beebe of Wakefield Forty one (41)

Representative to the General Court: 18 Dec

John Winn of Arlington Forty nine (49)

Isaac T. Bacon of Bedford Sixty two (62)

N. C. Brown of Bedford One (1)

A. C. Sampson of Bedford One (1)

Amendment to the Constitution Yes (1)

Amendment to the Constitution No (41)

Town officers

Aug 1st Chose Cy Lane Moderator

" 2nd Voted to accept the list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

List of Jurors:

William H. Harriman; Henry Bacon;

Joseph M. Butterfield L. H. Scofield

[illegible]

Joseph H. Goodwin T. O. Gardner

[illegible] Charles F. Watts

Wm W. Goodwin James [illegible]

Charles C. Carey James E. McIntosh

[illegible]

Town Meeting November 6th 1877

Art 3rd Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

The Committee chosen by the town to build Eastern Avenue, presented their report, which was accepted by the town and placed on file.
Voted to adjourn
A true record Attest Chas A. Cory Town Clerk.

Bedford, Jan 7th 1877
This is to certify that the clerks of Lexington Billerica Bedford and Burlington met at the town House in Bedford on Monday at 12 o'clock M. with the returns from their respective towns which were for the following persons, viz; John Winn S. S. Bacon. Webster Smith M. C. Nelson

Lexington	186	96	1	1
Billerica	152	40	A. E. Brown ×	A. S. Simpson ×
Bedford	49	62	1	1
Burlington	50	27		
	437	225		

Warrant for Town Meeting Mon 4th 1878

Middlesex S.S. To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, in said County.
Greeting! In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the fourth day of March next at nine o'clock A.M. then and there to act upon the following articles:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
" 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
" 3rd To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Art. 2. 3rd. ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

" 4th. To see what method the town will take to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

" 5th. To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money now in the treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 6th. To see if the town will fix the compensation of the collector of taxes, and designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

" 7th. To see if the town will authorize their collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 9th. To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell

" 10th. To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 11th. To see if the town will rebuild or repair their Town Farm buildings, or do any thing relating thereto

" 12th. To see if the town will elect a Trustee on the part of the town to represent it in the Bedford Free Library Corporation, and take any other action therein.

" 13th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the purpose of building a tool house in Shawsheen Cemetery.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Art. 14th. To see if the town will build a platform to be used at entertainments in the Town Hall.

" 15th. By request of A. B. Sampson, to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars, to be expended by the selectmen in the observance of Decoration Day.

" 16th. By request of A. B. Sampson, to see if the town will grant the use of the Town Hall to the Womens Christian Temperance Union and Reform Club, provided they pay for the services of the janitor

" 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for the care, improvement, and embelishment of the Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 18th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, or any other sum for the support of the public library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation, or do any thing in regard to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office in the said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at nine o'clock A.M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford Feb 23rd.

Charles H. Clark
Oliver T. Lane
M. B. Webber
} Selectmen of Bedford

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified

A true copy. Attest C. A. Corey Town Clerk

Emerson B. Cutler Constable

Town Meeting March 4th 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw Moderator
" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk sworn

S Charles H. Clark
S Oliver J. Lane
S M. B. Webber
} Selectmen

S Willard Ladd
S Moses E. Rowe
S Joseph Skinner
} Assessors

S Charles A. Corey } Treasurer

S E. B. Cutter
S Jonas. Melvin
} Constables

S Albert Bacon
S Wm A. Lane
S Thomas Stiles
} Fence viewers

S Henry Woods
S J. M. Hanscomb
S Wm G. Hartwell
} Overseers of Poor

S T. O. Purdner Dis No 1
S Peter Kelley " " 2
S Wm Parker " " 3
S Geo. W. Haines " " 4
S David Tilch " " 5
S Jos H. Goodwin " " 6
} Surveyors of Highways

S Oliver J. Lane
S Chas H. Clark
S Albert Bacon
} Surveyors of Shingle

Quincy Cole
Chas F. Watts
A. E. Brown
S. C. Meader
Martin Kelley
M. McMahan
L. E. Waite
} Field drivers

S C. H. Clark
S C. C. Corey
S Oliver J. Lane
S C. A. Corey
S E. B. Cutter
S Jos Sragg
} Surveyors of Lumber

S J. C. Bacon
S C. C. Corey
S Wm A. Lane
S Thomas Stiles
S Henry Bacon
S Chas H. Clark
S A. B. Cutter
S C. A. Corey
S Jos. Sragg
S J. N. Hartwell
} Surveyors of Wood & Bark

S C. C. Corey
S Chas H. Clark
} Weighers of Grain

Jos. H. Goodwin
L. Cole
J. N. Hartwell
} Com. Com.

Town Meeting March 4th 1878 Continued.

Art 2nd School Committee
Wm J. Stoddard for three years
Mrs Abby C. Clark two years to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm R. Hayden

Henry Goodwin } Pound keeper D. N. Hartwell } Pound master

Thomas C. Cutler } Collector Tax's Henry Wood, J. M. Hanscom, Wm S. Hartwell } Appraisers of Town Pound Stock with power to appoint Substitutes

Jos H. Goodwin, Geo W. Cass } Auditors

" 3rd Voted to raise eighteen hundred dollars for Schools for the ensuing year $1800.

Voted to raise sixteen hundred dollars for Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year $1600.

Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars for incidental expenses and the removal of snow for the ensuing year $1200.

Voted to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year $1500.00

Voted to raise seventeen hundred and fifty dollars to pay the interest on the town debts for the ensuing year $1750.

" 4 Voted that a money tax be raised and assessed upon the estates of the inhabitants, residents and non-residents as other town charges are assessed, for the support of roads and bridges. That the orders for all bills to be paid from the appropriation for roads and bridges be made payable to the persons who performed labor, or who furnished teams or material, with

Town Meeting March 4th 1878 Continued

Art. 4th the approval of the surveyor. That the highway districts be the same as was adopted at the March meeting 1876. That the appropriation for roads and bridges be apportioned among the several highway districts in the same manner as adopted at the March meeting in 1876. That the highway surveyors be directed to employ the highway tax payers, to work out their highway taxes on the highways. That no repairs be made upon the highways after July 1st by the surveyors unless directed to do so by the selectmen. That the selectmen be instructed to cause the highway surveyors to remove gravel from the centre of the road on the hill in the west district and fill the same with stone

" 5th Voted not to raise money to pay any part of the town debt.

" 6th On motion of R. Bacon and as ammended by A. P. Sampson it was voted that the taxes be collected in the following manner. Single Poll Taxes, payable on demand. All other Taxes, if one half is paid ~~on or~~ before or within twelve days after the first Monday of October 1878, and the remainder before or within twelve days after the first Monday of January 1879, a deduction of six per cent, will be allowed. If the first installment is not paid promptly, the whole tax will be demanded, and collected according to law. On all Taxes not paid when due, interest at the rate of one per cent, per month shall be collected upon the whole amount unpaid. And that the Collector be allowed 3/4 of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Town Meeting March 4th 1878 Continued

Art. 7th Voted to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the Taxes which a town Collector or a duly appointed collector may use.

" 8th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses and to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 9th Voted to refer this article to the selectmen with instructions to cause a bell to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and not to draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the same unless the labor is satisfactorily performed.

" 10th Voted that the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the Library to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

" 11 Voted, that the subject of repairing, and enlarging the Town Hall building, be referred to a committee, to ascertain the necessities in the case, and report upon ways and plans for meeting them at an adjourned meeting. Chose for said committee Henry Wood Oliver J. Lane E. B. Cutter J. P. Bacon and A. H. March.

" 12th Chose Francis Rodman a Trustee to represent the town in the Bedford Free Library Corporation.

" 13th Voted to raise the sum of fifty dollars (50.00) to build a tool house in Shawsheen Cemetery, and that the Cemetery Committee be a committee to expend the same, with instructions to let out the work to the lowest bidder.

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Art. 14th Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars (25.00) to build a platform to be used at entertainments in the Town Hall, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, the work to be let out to the lowest bidder.

" 15th Voted to raise the sum of twenty five dollars (25.00) to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen in the observance of Decoration day.

" 16th Voted to grant the use of the Town Hall to the Woman's Christian Temperence Union and Reform Club, provided they pay for the services of the Janitor.

" 17th Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (50.00) for the care, improvement and embellishment of the Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 18th Voted to raise the sum of one hundred dollars (100.00) for the support of the Library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation

The Selectmen presented their report on guide posts and bounds, which was accepted and placed on file

The financial report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Overseer of the Poor and Cemetery Committee were presented and placed on file.

" Voted to adjourn to Mar 25th at 7½ O'clock P.M.

Town Meeting March 25th 1878.

The town met agreeable to adjournment

The Committee chosen to take into consideration the subject matter contained in article 11th presented their report which was accepted by the meeting and voted to adopt that part of the report that recommends that the town make as small an outlay on the present buildings as to keep them warm and comfortable for the present, and that the Overseers of the Poor and Oliver J. Lane be a committee to carry this vote into effect

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 17th 1878

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the seventeenth day of June inst. at seven o'clock in the evening then and there to act upon the following articles Viz,

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd " By request of William R. Hayden and others, to see if the town will aid in the

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Art 2nd purchase of the Billerica and Bedford Railroad, and the property belonging thereto, and to what extent, and on what terms and conditions, or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Charles H. Clark
Oliver J. Lane
Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S. S. Bedford June 10th 1878

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified

E. B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 17th 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter

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contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose O. J. Lane Moderator

" 2nd On motion of Albert Bacon the town voted to divide Art 2nd and to act first on that portion of the article which refers to the towns aiding in the purchase of the Billerica and Bedford Rail Road and the property belonging thereto. Voted to adjourn to Wednesday June 19th 1878 at 7 O clock P.M.

Wednesday June 19th 1878

Town met agreeable to adjournment

Voted to accept the resolution offered by Henry Shaw. Voted to divide the resolution and that the action of the town on said resolution be by ballott and the use of the check list. The vote to addopt said resolution was lost by a vote of 30 yes to 47 no.

Chose Thomas Stiles J. P. Bacon Mr. Stewart E. S. Loomis & C. H. Clark a committee to confer with the committee chosen by the town of Billerica and ascertain any facts in relation to the Billerica and Bedford Rail Road that would be of interest to the town, with full power of conference, and report at a future town meeting.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Gray
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 30th 1878

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford. on Monday September 30th 1878 at seven o'clock in the evening. then and there to act on the following articles.

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will take any action in reference to subscribing for or holding any of the shares of the Capital stock or securities of the Billerica and Bedford Railroad Company. and to see to what extent and whether they will raise sufficient money therefor. also to see if the town will take any action for the purpose of getting this railroad into operation. and will take the necessary steps. and raise a portion of the money required therefor and to what amount.

" 3rd To see what measures the town will take for the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town.

" 4th To see if the town will give the Bedford Choral Union the use of the Town Hall. and make any change in the terms for the use of the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant. by posting up attested copies thereof. one at the Town Hall. and one at the Post Office in the said town. eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting Continued

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Chas. H. Clark } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of
Marcus B. Webber } Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford Sept. 23rd 1878

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting Sept. 30th 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Art. 1st Chose Henry Shaw moderator

" 2nd Voted. To postpone the consideration of this article to a meeting to be held on the fifth of November at 7 o'clock P.M.

" 3rd Voted That the town does make preparation for the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town. Voted To chose a committee of five to carry the action of the town into effect. Chose for this committee Josiah A. Stearns Rev George E. Lovejoy, Dr Henry Shaw Albert Bacon and Francis Rodman.

Town Meeting Sept. 30th 1878

Art. 4th. Voted: To divide art. 4th. acting first on that portion of the article relating to any change in the terms for the use of the Town Hall.
Voted: That hereafter the Selectmen may in their discretion, grant the use of the Town Hall free for such purposes as seem to them for the social or educational advantage of the people of the town or any portion of them. Provided that this privilege shall not be extended to any person or persons who charge an admittance fee or in any other manner collect money for the admission or entertainment.

Voted to adjourn to Nov 5th 1878 at 7 o'clock P.M.

A true record
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

November 5th 1878

The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted. That when this meeting adjourns it adjourns to meet again on Monday next November 11th at 7 o'clock P.M.
Voted. To adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Monday November 11th 1878

The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted. To adjourn for one week from tonight at 7 o'clock P.M.
A true record Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 18th 1878

The town met agreeable to the adjournment
Art 2nd. The town took an informal ballot on a motion of Wm R. Hayden. That the town of Bedford shall subscribe $2000. to the stock of the Billerica and Bedford Rail-road whenever the town of Billerica and Individuals shall have subscribed $18000. to the new Stock of said Billerica and Bedford Rail-road and it shall have obtained from the Legislature a new charter; all of which requirements shall be satisfactory to a committee appointed by the town for that purpose or to Counsel, with the following result, whole number of votes cast 75. Yeas 53 Nays 22
Voted to proceede to a formal ballot with the following result, whole number of votes cast 84 Yeas 55 Nays 29

Voted to adjourn
A true record
Attest Charles A. Carey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

Middlesex. S.S.
To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County
Greeting;
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Bedford on Tuesday, the fifth day of November next at one o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for a Representative in Congress from the seventh Congressional District. for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Councellor from the 8th Councellor District, Secretary, Treasurer and receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, for one County Commissioner and a

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Register of Probate and Insolvency for Middlesex County, for a Senator from the sixth Middlesex Senatorial District, for a Representative in the General Court from the eighteenth Middlesex Representative District, all on one ballot.
The polls will be open at one o'clock and may be closed at three o'clock P.M.
Also to act upon the following articles relating to town affairs Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
" 2nd To act upon a list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen and submitted for revision and acceptance.
" 3rd To see if the town will fill the vacancy in the Board of Overseers of the Poor, caused by the resignation of John M. Hancomb.
" 4th To see if the town will appropriate money for the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town.
" 5th To see if the town will accept of the sum of one hundred dollars from the Estate of the late Joshua Simonds, to be held as a fund, the income of which shall be expended upon a lot in the Shawsheen Cemetery, deeded to him.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Chas H. Clark
Oliver J. Lane
Marcus B Webber
} Selectmen of Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Oct 28th 1878

By virtue of the within warrant I have posted true and attested copies, one at the Post Office, and also one at the Town Hall as herein directed.

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Charles A Corey, Town Clk.

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons Viz:

For Governor

Thomas Talbot of Billerica	115
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	72
Josiah G. Abbott of Boston	5

For Lieutenant-Governor

John D. Long of Hingham	115
John F. Arnold of North Adams	72
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield	6

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Pierce of Roxbury	114
Walter Cowland of Fairhaven	72
Henry C. Ewing of Holyoke	6

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For Treasurer and Receiver General

Charles Endicott of Canton	115
John H. Jennings of New Bedford	72
David K. Shillings of Winchester	6

For Auditor of Accounts

Julius L. Clarke of Newton	115
David J. Kiva of Boston	72
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston	6

For Attorney-General

George Marston of New Bedford	115
William D. Northend of Salem	72
Richard Olney of Boston	6

For County Commissioner

Henry Read of Westford	114
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	71

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Jacob H. Tyler of Winchester	115
William T. Thompson of Cambridge	71

For Councillor, Eighth Council District

Joseph A. Harwood of Billerica	115
Alonzo V. Lynde of Melrose	71

For Representative to Congress, 7th District

William A. Russell of Lawrence	117
John K. Tarbox of Lawrence	72
Samuel M. Stevens of Lowell	3

For Senator, Eighth Middlesex District

Daniel Russell of Melrose	115
Samuel W. Kimball of Stoneham	71

For Representative to General Court, 18th Dis

Paul Hill of Billerica	20
Augustus E. Scott of Lexington	88

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

Voted. That the polls be kept open until 4h 45m P.M.

Town Affairs

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw moderator.

" 2nd Voted, That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Monday next at 8 o'clock P.M. for the transaction of the town affairs,

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Monday Nov 11th 1878 8 o'clock P.M.

The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn for 30 minutes.

8.30 P.M. The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Art 2nd Voted. To accept the following list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

Henry Bacon	John H. Champney
Joseph Skinner	Francis Redman
Edwin A. Hartwell	John Farrell
Frederick Davis	Albert F. Sampson
J. O. Gardner	E. A. Keene
William H. Mudge	Hiram Dawes
L. H. Veafield	Calvin Rice

" 3rd Voted. That the town omit to choose an Overseer of the Poor, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Hanscomb.

" 4 Voted. To accept the Report of the Committee chosen by the town to carry into effect the action of

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

Art 4th the town in relation to the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Incorporation of the town.

5 Voted, That the town treasurer be instructed to receive from the estate of the late Joshua Simonds of Lexington, the sum of one hundred dollars, which sum shall be entered on the books of the treasury, and that interest be allowed for the same at the rate of five per centum per annum said interest to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Committee, for the care, keeping and preservation of the fence, trees, shrubbery, monument; and other appendages of the lot in Shawsheen Cemetery deeded to the aforesaid Joshua Simonds.

Voted to adjourn for one week from tonight at 8 o'clock P.M.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Cacy Town Clerk

Monday Nov 18th 1878

The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Voted to adjourn for one hour 9. O'clock P.M.

The town met agreeable to the adjournment.

Art 4th Voted, That the Committee chosen by the town to carry into effect the action of the town in relation to the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, be instructed to negotiate with Jonathan Stearns of Newark, to deliver the Historical address on that occasion

Voted, That the names of Marcus B. Webber and Amos B. Cutter be added to the committee

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1878

Art 4th. Mr Isaac P. Bacon declined to serve on the committee,

Voted. Not to appropriate money for the purpose specified in this article.

Voted. To adopt the Report of the committee, except that portion of it that refers to the raising of money and the employment of the Rev Elias Nason.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 6th 1878

This is to certify, that the Clerks of Lexington Billerica Bedford and Burlington met at the Town Hall in Bedford on Nov 6th 1878 at 12 M. with the returns from their respective towns, which were for the following persons Viz;

Lexington	N. E. Scott. 217	Paul Hill 200	Asa. Cotrell
Billerica	325	24	
Bedford	88	20	
Burlington	46	17	40
	676	261	40

A true record

Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 27th 1878

Middlesex ss C.P.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, in said County.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Wednesday the 27th day of November inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles;

Art 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd. By request of William R. Hayden and ten others, to see if the town will subscribe two thousand dollars to the new stock of the Billerica and Bedford Railroad, or take any other action in regard to the same.

" 3rd. To see if the town will reconsider the votes passed at a meeting held March 4th 1878 and at a meeting held Sept. 30th 1878. concerning the free use of the Town Hall, or do any thing relating thereto

" 4th. To see if the town will make any changes in the rules and regulations for the use of the Town Hall.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies of the same one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 27th 1878 Continued

Given under our hands this 19th day of November 1878

Charles H. Clark } Selectmen
Oliver J. Lane } of
Marcus B. Mosher } Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the time and places specified.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford November 20th 1878 Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 27th 1878

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, viz

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane moderator.

" 2nd Voted. Not to subscribe two thousand dollars to the new stock of the Billerica and Bedford Railroad. Whole number of votes cast 135 Yea 72 Nay 63.

" 3rd Voted. To reconsider the votes passed at a meeting held March 4th 1878 and at a meeting held Sept 30th 1878 concerning the free use of the Town Hall.

" 4th Voted. That the present tariff of prices for the use of the Town Hall be reduced 33⅓ per cent to any citizen or citizens of the town, and to all others the present rates be retained, also

Town Meeting Nov 27th 1878 Continued

Art 4th That the janitor of the Town Hall be chosen by the Town. the Selectmen having power to fill any vacancy that may occur until filled by the town. and that all rules and regulations for the use of the Town Hall inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Chas A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for
Town Meeting March 13th 1879

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford, on Thursday March 13th 1879 at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act upon the following articles;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

" 4th To see what method the town will take to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 15th 1879

Art. 5th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is now, or may be in the treasury, to pay any part of the town debt

" 6th To see if the town will fix the compensation of the collector of taxes, and designate the time and manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

" 7th To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a town treasurer, when appointed may use.

" 8th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 9th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of painting the South and East school houses, and for the whitening of the Town Hall.

" 10th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

" 11th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 12th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of buying a Fire Engine.

" 13th To see if the town will take any measures for the appointment or formation of a Fire Engine Company.

" 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, or any other sum for the support of the public library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation or do any thing in regard to the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 13th 1879

Art. 15th By request of S. C. Thompson, to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to be expended by the Selectmen in the observance of Decoration Day.

" 16th By request of Isaac C. Bacon, to see if the town will hereafter require the several town officers, to make up their annual reports to the first day of March, and have them distributed through the Post Office on or before the fifth day of March of each year, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 17th To see if the town will hereafter hold their annual town meeting for the choice of town officers, and the transaction of town business on the third Monday in March, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 18th To see if the town will instruct their Assessors to reduce the present valuation of the real estate in the town, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 19th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars, for the care, embellishment and improvement of the Mauchem Cemetery.

And you are directed to give this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock A. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 13th 1879

Charles H. Clark
Oliver J. Lane
Marcus B. Webber } Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. March 4th 1879

I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days at least before the said 13th day of March 1879 as within directed

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 13th 1879

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk ~~Sworn~~

Charles H. Clark S
Saml W. Huckins S
Marcus B. Webber S } Selectmen

Voted to omit to choose overseers of the poor and assessors of taxes.

Charles A. Corey S } Treasurer

Emerson B. Cutler S
Jonas Melvin S } Constables

Quincy Cole
Chas F. Watts
Edmund Shelton
L. E. Meacher
Martin Kelley
M. McMahan
L. E. Wait
Reuben Bacon } Field-drivers

Town Meeting March 13th 1879 Continued

Art 2nd

William A. Lane's	Fence-viewers	Oliver J. Lane's	Surveyors of Shingle
Marcus B. Webber's		Chas H. Clark's	
Frederick A. Cutler's		Albert Bacon's	

Chas H. Wood's	Surveyor of Highway for Dis No 1	Centre
Peter Kelley's	" " " " " " 2	South
Jas Kavanagh's	" " " " " " 3	West
Geo W. Haines's	" " " " " " 4	North
Thomas Fay's	" " " " " " 5	East
Emerson B. Cutler's	" " " " " " 6	Bridge

Chas H. Clark's	Surveyors of Lumber	Isaac P. Bacon's	Surveyors of Wood & Bark
Chas C. Corey's		Chas C. Corey's	
Oliver J. Lane's		Wm A. Lane's	
Chas A. Corey's		Edwin A. Hartwell's	
E. B. Cutler's		Henry Bacon's	
Jos. Gragg's		Chas H. Clark's	
		Thos B. Cutler's	
Chas H. Clark's	Weighers of Grain	Chas A. Corey's	
Chas C. Corey's		Jas Gragg's	
		J. N. Hartwell's	

Joseph H. Goodwin	Cem. Com	Henry Goodwin	Cemet keeper
Lyman Cole			
J. N. Hartwell			
		J. N. Hartwell	Funeral undertaker

Joseph H. Goodwin	Auditors	Wm W. Mudge	Appraisers of town farm stock with power to fill vacancies
Geo W. Cass		Wm A. Lane	
Francis Rodman		A. P. Sampson	
Reuben Bacon			
Abram E. Brown			

Thomas B. Cutler's	Collector of taxes	Jos H. Goodwin	Jailer

Oliver J. Lane — School committee for three years.

" 3rd " Voted to raise and appropriate Eighteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools for the ensuing year. $1800.—

Town Meeting March 13th 1879 Contin

Art 3rd Voted to raise and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars for Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year. $1400.00

Voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars for Incidental expenses and the removal of snow for the ensuing year $1200.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year. $1500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate seventeen hundred and twenty five dollars to pay the interest on the town debt for the ensuing year $1725.00

" 4th Voted that the roads and bridges be repaired in the same manner as adopted at March meeting in 1876.

" 5th Voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars and the corporation and bank tax to pay a part of the town debt $1200.00

" 6th Voted that the compensation of the collector of taxes be three fourths of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury; and that the taxes be collected in the same way and manner as last year.

" 7th Voted to authorize the collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 8th Voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

Town Meeting March 13th 1879 Continued

Art 9th Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to advertise for proposals for whitening of the Town Hall, and that the work be let to the lowest responsible bidder; the sum not to exceede fifty dollars.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to purchase the material for painting the East and South School houses, and to let out the labor for the same to the lowest responsible bidder; the expense of the same to be paid from the contingent fund.

Art 10th Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to cause a bell to be rung at 12 O'clock M. as usual.

" 12th Voted, to choose a committee to take into consideration art 12th and report at an adjourned meeting, in relation to the expense of a "Suction Hand Engine", and also to report any other thing in relation to the same that they may learn, and that may be of interest to the town, chose for this committee J. S. Bacon Calvin Rice C. A. Carey E. A. Kean F. A. Cutter

" 16th Voted, that the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the Library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

" 13th Voted to lay this article on the table.

" 14th Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the support of the Library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

Town Meeting March 13th 1872 Continued

Art 15th Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

" 16th Voted that the town do hereafter require the several town officers, to make up their annual reports to the first day of March, and have them distributed through the Post Office on or before the fifth day of March of each year.

" 17th Voted that the town do hereafter hold their annual town meetings, for the choice of town officers, and the transaction of town business, on the third Monday in March,

" 18th Voted to instruct the assessors to reduce the present valuation of the real estate in the town, from forty per cent in the centre to twenty per cent in the outer districts, in the same proportion as it was raised in 1872,

" 19th Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars for the care and improvement of the Shawsheen Cemetery.

Voted to accept the reports of the several town officers, as presented in their printed report.

Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on Guide boards and posts,

Voted to accept the report of the Library Committee.

Voted to adjourn to Thursday March 27th 1872 at 7 o'clock P.M.

Town Meeting March 27th 1879

The town met agreeable to an adjournment;

On motion of Reuben Bacon the town Voted that the Overseers of the poor for the year ensuing, be and are hereby requested to pay Mrs N. L. Reed the sum of one dollar per week to assist her in supporting herself outside of, or away from the Poor Farm.

Voted that the resolution offered by C. L. Wait be referred to the Selectmen, and that it be the sense of the meeting, that they pay to C. L. Wait the sum of eight 4/100 dollars for labor performed on the highways.

Voted to reconsider the vote of the town under article 18th in relation to the reduction of the present valuation of the real estate in the town.

The committee chosen to take into consideration article 12th, in relation to buying a Fire Engine, made a verbal report; which was accepted by the town.

Voted that the committee be instructed to purchase a Fire Engine, and that the sum of four hundred and seventy five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Art 13th Voted that the committee on fire engine be requested to take the necessary steps for the formation of a Fire Company.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the purpose of paying for Fire Engine.

Town Meeting March 27th 1879 Continued

Voted that all members of the fire company be paid two dollars a year for their services, once that the company be limited to forty members.

Voted not to reconsider the vote passed in the early part of this meeting in relation to reducing the valuation of the real estate in the town.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for
Town Meeting May 12th 1879

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County

Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 12th day of May 1879 at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles viz:—

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

" 2nd By request of Calvin Rice and others to see if the town will raise and appropriate money, to buy Hose, to be used with their fire engine recently purchased, or to anything relating thereto.

1879

Warrant for Town Meeting May 12th 1879

Art 2nd To see if the town will appropriate money to pay for the services of the steward of the Fire Engine Company

Art 4th To see if the town will take any measures for the formation of a Hook and Ladder Company, or do anything in relation to the same

Art 5th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of procuring a new Hook and Ladder Carriage, or for repairing the old one, and the Hooks and Ladders, or do anything relating thereto

Art 6th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of repairing their old Fire Engine, or take any measures to dispose of the same, or do anything relating thereto

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the aforesaid town nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this first day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine

Charles H Clark
Samuel W Huckins
Marcus B Webber
} Selectmen of Belfast

Warrant for Town Meeting May 12th 1879

Middlesex S.S.

May 3rd 1879

I have this day served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, being nine days at least before the said 12th day of May 1879 as within directed

Emerson B Cutter. Constable
Bedford

A true copy
Attest Marcus B Webber
Town Clerk pro tempore

Town Meeting May 12th 1879

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

Art 1 Chose Reuben Bacon, Moderator
" Marcus B Webber Town Clerk pro tempore (Sworn)

Art 2nd Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, or any part thereof, to purchase three hundred feet of hose for the use of the Engine Company.

Voted to chose a committee of three to purchase the hose

Chose Calvin Rice, Samuel H Hoskins, and Federal A Cutter the committee for such purpose

Town Meeting. May 12th 1879

Art 3rd Voted, that the town pay the sum of twenty dollars for the service of a steamer, for the Engine company. the same to be paid from the appropreation for Incidental Expenses

Art 4th Voted that a Hook and Ladder company be formed in the same manner as the Engine company was formed

Voted, that the company shall not exceed fifteen members

Art 5th Voted, that the town repair the running work of the Hook and Ladder Truck, and paint the Truck, also the Hooks and Ladders

Voted, that the Selectmen be a committee to make these repairs

Voted, that the amount necessary to defray the expense of making these repairs be paid from the appropreation for Incidental Expenses

Art 6th Voted, to lay the article on the table

Voted, to adjourn

A true record

Attest. Marcus B. Webber
Town Clerk pro tempore

Warrant for Town Meeting June 10th 1879

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County.

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford aforesaid qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday June 10th 1879 at 7½ o'clock P.M. then and there to act upon the following articles;

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd By request of Albert Bacon and others, to see if the town will subscribe for twenty shares of the stock of the Billerica and Bedford Narrow Gauge Railroad, and raise and appropriate the money therefor; Provided the town of Billerica and individuals, subscribe for the remaining one hundred and eighty shares of the stock of said company, or do any thing relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in the said town, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not:

and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of June in the year one thousand and eight hundred and seventy nine.

Charles H. Clark } Selectmen
Marcus B. Webber } of Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting June 10th 1879

Middlesex S.S.

June 2nd 1879

I have this day served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, being eight days at least before the said 10th day of June 1879 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutler} Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 10th 1879

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Art 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted not to subscribe for twenty shares of the stock of the Billerica and Bedford Narrow Gauge Railroad
Whole number of votes cast 107 Yeas 42 Nays 65

A motion was offered by Reuben Bacon to see if the town will subscribe for eighteen shares of said stock, and upon an amendment offered by A. S. Sampson, it was indefinitely postponed.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record
Attest Chas A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 4th 1879

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at twelve o'clock M. to bring in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, a Councillor, for the eighth Councillor District, a District Attorney for the Northern District, a Sheriff, and one County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a Senator for the Eighth Middlesex Senatorial District, a Representative in the General Court for the Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District, all on one ballot.

The polls will be open at twelve o'clock M. and may be closed at four o'clock P.M.

Also to act upon the following articles relating to town affairs Viz:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To act upon a list of jurors as presented by the selectmen and submitted for revission and acceptance.

" 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to purchase suction hose for the new fire Engine, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 4th To see if the town will take measures to procure a good scraper, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or do any thing relating thereto.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 4th 1879

Art. 5th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to buy a set of double harnesses to be used with the Hearse, or do any thing respecting the same.

" 6th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the payment of the expenses unpaid in the law suits of Ambrose and Harriet Cushing, or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this the twenty third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine

Charles H. Clark
Samuel W. Huckins
Marcus B. Webber
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Oct 25th 1879

I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same, at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post-Office being nine days at least before the said 4th day of November as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 4th 1879

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes wer received sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting and wer for the following persons, Viz:

For Governor

John D. Long	of Hingham	91 Votes
Benjamin F. Butler	of Lowell	75 "
Daniel E. Eddy	of Hyde Park	0 "
John Q Adams	of Quincey	2 "

For Lieutenant-Governor

Byron Weston	of Dalton	102 Votes
Albert E. Woodworth	of Chicopee	64 "
Wm R. Plunkett	of Pittsfield	1 "

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Peirce	of Abington	102 Votes
Michael T. Donahoe	of Somerville	64 "

For Treasurer and Receiver-General

Charles Endicott	of Canton	102 Votes
David N. Skillings	of Winchester	62 "
George Dutton	of Springfield	2 "

For Auditor of Accounts

Charles R. Cadd	of Springfield	102 Votes
Davis J. King	of Boston	64 "

For Attorney-General

George Marston	of New Bedford	102 Votes
William D. Northend	of Salem	62 "
Horace Binney Sargent	of Salem	2 "

Town Meeting November 4th 1879 Continued

For Councillor for 6th District

George Heywood	of Concord	107 Votes
John C. Cornborn	of Lawrence	58 "

For County Commissioner

Daniel G. Walton	of Wakefield	102 Votes
Thomas H. Hill	of Woburn	60 "

For County Treasurer

Amos Stone	of Everett	102 Votes
Alden Warren	of Groton	58 "
David D. Hurt	of Woburn	2 "

For Register of Deeds for Southern Dis

Charles B. Stevens	of Cambridge	161 Votes

For Senator for 6th Dis

Daniel Russell	of Melrose	101 Votes
James Skinner	of Woburn	57 "
Charles H. Long	of Reading	3 "

For Sheriff

Eben W. Fiske	of Waltham	103 Votes
John A. P. Richardson	of Lowell	60 "

For District Attorney

John W. Hammond	of Cambridge	102 Votes
James J. McCafferty	of Lowell	60 "

For Representative in General Court

Augustus E. Scott	of Lexington	42 Votes
Benjamin H. Heard	of Billerica	122 "

Voted. That the polls be kept open untill ten minutes before five o'clock P.M.

Town Meeting November 4th 1879 Continued

Town Affairs.

Art 1st Chose Amos B. Cutler Moderator

" 2nd Voted. To accept the following list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen

John T. Boynton	Henry Wood
O. C. Johnson	Elijah W. Stearns
William W. Goodwin	Henry Desmayes
Willard Ladd	Lyman Cole
John McGovern	Charles L. Flint
Samuel L. Lane	William A. Neville
Geo. W. Haines	Valentine Wilson

" 3rd Voted. To appropriate one hundred and seventy five dollars from the contingent fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to purchase suction hose for the new Fire Engine; and that a committee be chosen to purchase the same. $175.00

Chose for this committee Calvin Rice Valentine Wilson and S. C. Meader

" 4th Voted. Not to purchase a road scraper as asked for in art 4th.

" 5th Voted. Not to raise money to buy a set of double harnesses.

" 6th Voted. That a sufficient sum be appropriated from the contingent fund, to meet the expenses unpaid in the law suit with Ambrose and Harriet Cushing; and that the settlement of the same be left with the committee who now have the matter in charge.

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 5th 1879

At a meeting of the clerks of the towns of Billerica Lexington Bedford and Burlington. the returns from their respective towns were presented for a Representative to the General Court for Representative District No eighteen; and were for the following persons: namely.

Lexington	for A. E. Scott of Lexington	224	for Benjamin Heald of Billerica 185
Billerica	" " " " " "	231	71
Bedford		42	122
Burlington		13	82
		510	460

Attest Leonard Sawtelle } Clerk of Lexington
Dudley Foster } -- -- Billerica
Chas A. Corey } -- -- Bedford
Samuel Sewall } -- - Burlington

A true copy
Attest Chas A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 15th 1880

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County; Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the town of Bedford aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday, the 15th day of March 1880. at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act upon the following articles;

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2nd " To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year

Warrant for Town Meeting March 15th 1880

Art 3rd To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art 4th To see what method the town will take to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art 5th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is, or may be in the treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

Art 6th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes, and to fix the compensation of the collector of taxes, for the ensuing year.

Art 7th To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means of collecting the taxes, which a town treasurer, when appointed may use.

Art 8th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

Art 9th To see if the town will take any measures for the ringing of a bell.

Art 10th To see if the town will accept and adopt the provisions of Chapter 155 of the acts of 1871, entitled "an act to provide for the election of Road Commissioners."

Art 11th To see in what manner the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

Art 12th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, or any other sum for the support of the public library, to be expended under the direction of the Stafford Free Public Library Association.

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Art. 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to buy a road machine or scraper. or do any thing in relation to the same.

Art. 14th To see if the town will take any measures to consolidate the schools during any part of the year, or do any thing relating thereto.

Art. 15th By request to see if the town will grant the whole of the lower part of the Engine House for the Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Carriage, and raise and appropriate money to defray any expense of any alterations necessary for that purpose.

Art. 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate money, to provide a new room for the House or do any thing relating thereto.

Art. 17th To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to take a valuation of the Real Estate in the town, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose, or do any thing in relation to the same.

Art. 18th By request of William R. Hayden, to see if the town will refund the taxes paid by him on the Real Estate belonging to the Heirs of B. L. Judkins.

Art. 19th By request of A. B. Sampson, to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars for the observance of Decoration Day

Art. 20th By request, to see if the town will take any measures to provide street lights, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or do any thing relating thereto.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 15th 1880

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post-Office in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Charles H. Clark
Samuel N. Hutchins } Selectmen of
Marcus B. Webber } Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford March 6th 1880

I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post-Office, being eight days at least before the said 15th day of March 1880 as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 15th 1880

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Art 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

" 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

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Art. 2nd

Isaac P. Bacon	S	Selectmen	Wm A. Dane S	Fence Viewers
Calvin Rice	S		John T. Boynton S	
Wm R. Hayden	S		Albert T. Bacon S	

Isaac P. Bacon	S	Assessors	Edwin A. Hartwell	Janitor Town Hall
John T. Boynton	S			Funeral Undertaker
John H. Champney	S		Isaac N. Hartwell	

Samuel W. Huckins	S	Overseers of the Poor	Isaac P. Bacon S	Surveyors of Wood & Bark
Joseph Skinner	S		Chas E. Corey S	
Albert T. Bacon	S		Wm A. Lane S	
			Edwin A. Hartwell S	
Charles A. Corey	S	Tresurer	Henry Bacon	
			Chas H. Clark S	
Emerson B. Cutler	S	Constables	Emer. B. Cutler S	
Jonas Melvin	S		Chas A. Corey S	
			Jos Gragg S	
Albert T. Bacon	S	Collector Taxes	Chas G. Coy	

Isaac P. Bacon Road Commissioner for 3 years
Henry Wood " " " 2 "
Theodore O. Gardner " " " 1 "

Chas H. Clark S	Surveyors of Lumber	Oliver J. Lane S		Surveyors of Shingle
Chas E. Corey S		Chas H. Clark S		
Oliver J. Lane S		Albert Bacon S		
Chas A. Corey S				Weighers of Grain
Emerson B. Cutler S		Charles E. Corey S		
Jos. Gragg S		Chas H. Clark S		

Joseph H. Goodwin	Cemetery Committee	Henry Goodwin	Sexton & Keeper
Lyman Cole			
Isaac N. Hartwell		Joseph H. Goodwin	Auditor

Wm W. Judge	Appraisers of Farm Dam Stock	Jonas Melvin S		Field Drivers
Wm A. Lane		A. P. Sampson S		
A. P. Sampson		Henry Desmarais S		

Cassie L. Bacon School Committee for 3 years

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Art 3rd Voted to raise and appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for Schools for the ensuing year $1800.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars for Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year. $1400.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for Incidental expenses and the removal of snow for the ensuing year $1000.00

Voted to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year, one hundred dollars of the same to be expended by the Overseers in aid of the silent poor $1500.00

Voted to raise and appropriate seventeen hundred dollars for the payment of interest for the ensuing year $1700.00

Voted to raise and appropriate eight hundred dollars to pay a part of the town debts for the ensuing year $800.00

Voted to appropriate the money received for Corporation and Bank tax to the payment of town debts for the year ensuing.

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the fire department for the ensuing year $150.00

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the support of the library, to be expended under the direction of the Redford Free Public Library Corporation. $100.00

Art 4th Voted that the highway districts be the same as last year, and that the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges be divided as follows; District No 1. 40 per cent. No 2. 10 per cent

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Art- 4th. No 3. 10 per cent; No 4. 15 per cent; No 5. 20 per cent; No 6. 5 per cent of the amount raised and appropriated.

Art- 5th Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for a contingent fund, to be used to pay outstanding bills due March 1st 1880 $200.00

Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars as before voted under the 3rd article towards the town debt and also appropriate the proceeds of the bank tax and corporation tax for the same purpose.

Art- 6th Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the interest on all unpaid taxes be seven per cent per annum instead of twelve.
Voted that the compensation of the collector be three fourths of one per cent; upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art- 7th Voted that the collector be authorized to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art- 8th Voted that the treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

Art- 9th Voted to refer this article to the selectmen.

Art- 10th Voted to accept and adopt the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty eight of the acts of 1871. entitled "An act to provide for the election of Road Commissioners", and that there

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Art-10th also accept the amendment contained in the acts of 1873, chapter fifty one.

Art-11th Voted that the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the Library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

Art-12th Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the benefit of the Library, as voted under article 3rd; the same to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

Art-13th Voted to indefinately postpone this article.

Art-14th Voted to choose a committee of six to confer with the school committee in relation to the subject-matter contained in art-14th.
Chose for this committee Henry Shaw Fannie S Cutler Annie F. Coolidge A. P. Simpson Charles H. Eliot and Mr. W. Mudge

Art-15th Voted to indefinately postpone this article.

Art-16th Voted to indefinately postpone this article.

Art-17th Voted not to instruct the assessors to take a valuation of the Real Estate in the town for the ensuing year.

Art-18th Voted not to refund the taxes paid by Mr. R. Hayden on the Real Estate owned by the Heirs of B. L. Judkins.

Art-19th Voted not to raise money for the observance of Decoration Day.

Art-20th Voted not to raise money for this article.

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Voted to accept and adopt the following resolution. Resolved: That the Selectmen be instructed to insert the following clause in the bond of the Town Treasurer for the ensuing year in reference to the payment of money out of the treasury. "For the faithful discharge of the duties of his office and to pay out of the Treasury upon orders drawn or countersigned by the Selectmen only the sums duly appropriated by the vote of the Town for the various purposes designated in said votes, each order to bear the name of the appropriation to which it is to be charged, and such other sums as he is by law required to pay.

Resolution offered by A. E. Brown accepted and placed on file.

Voted that the compensation of the Road Commissioners be Two dollars a day for actual service rendered, the same to be drawn from the appropriation for highways,

Voted that a committee of three be chosen by the town to examine into the subject of a water supply, and to report at some future town meeting.
Chose E. P. Loomis A. Bacon O. J. Lane.

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor and Cemetery Committee presented their report which was accepted and ordered on file.
Selectmens Report on guide posts and boards accepted and ordered on file.

Voted to adjourn

A true record
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1880

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford in said County.

Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Tuesday the second day of November next at twelve o'clock M. to bring in their votes for Presidential Electors, Representative in Congress for the seventh District, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Councillor for the sixth District, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney-General, Senator for the sixth District, Representative in the General Court for the eighteenth District, Commissioners of Insolvency, District Attorney, and for Sheriff of Middlesex County. One County Commissioner and two Special County Commissioners for Middlesex County all on one ballot.

The polls will be open at twelve o'clock M. and may be closed at four o'clock P.M.

Also to act upon the following articles relating to town affairs, Viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To act upon a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen and submitted for revision and acceptance

" 3rd To see if the town will ratify the doings of the Town Officers in regard to insuring the Town House.

" 4th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding Thirty dollars for printing a Catalogue of the Books for free distribution to persons entitled to take books.

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Art. 5th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to protect their shade trees on public grounds.

" 6th. To see if the town will take any measures to prevent smoking or chewing tobacco juice upon the floor of the Town Hall during any public meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office, nine days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant; with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this the twenty second day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Isaac P. Bacon
Calvin Rice
W. R. Hayden } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford Oct. 25th 1880

I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office being nine days at least before the said 2nd day of November 1880 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest: Charles D. Gray Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, November 2nd 1880

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted upon the matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes were received sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons, Viz:

For Presidential Electors at Large.

Paul A. Chadbourne	of Williamstown	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
John M. Forbes	of Milton	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Josiah G. Abbott	of Boston	Fifty five	(55)
James H. French	of Gloucester	Fifty five	(55)
Eugene J. Flaherty	of Boston	Two	(2)
Herbert B. Rowley	of Shelburne Falls	Two	(2)

For District No 1

Marshall S. Underwood	of Dennis	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Philander Cobb	of Kingston	Fifty five	(55)
Alexander Harvey	of Middleboro	Two	(2)

District No 2

William C. Lovering	of Taunton	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Peter Butler	of Quincy	Fifty five	(55)
Henry Gardner	of Braintree	Two	(2)

District No 3

Moody Merrill	of Boston	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Edward B. Rankin	of Boston	Fifty five	(55)
Peter O'Neil Larkin	of Boston	Two	(2)

District No 4

Rufus S. Frost	of Chelsea	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Charles Levi Woodbury	of Boston	Fifty five	(55)
Benjamin S. Goodwin	of Chelsea	Two	(2)

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District No 5

Amos F. Breed	of Lynn	One hundred & twenty six	(126)
Christopher E. Raymes	of Somerville	Fifty five	(55)
John M. Devine	of Boston	Two	(2)

District No 6

Augustus N. Clarke	of Beverly	One hundred & twenty six	(126)
James H. Carleton	of Haverhill	Fifty five	(55)
Luther Day	of Haverhill	Two	(2)

District No 7

Francis Jewett	of Lowell	One hundred & twenty six	(126)
John C. Simborn	of Lawrence	Fifty five	(55)
Hiram K. Eastman	of Lawrence	Two	(2)

District No 8

James M. N. Hall	of Cambridge	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Leverett Saltonstall	of Newton	Fifty five	(55)
Theodore N. Sherman	of Milford	Two	(2)

District No 9

Francis E. Witt	of Northbridge	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Edwin Conant	of Worcester	Fifty five	(55)
John Howes	of Worcester	Two	(2)

District No 10

William B. C. Dawson	of Hoosac	One hundred & twenty six	(126)
Rahum Harwood	of Leominster	Fifty five	(55)
William C. Johnson	of Fitchburg	Two	(2)

District No 11

William C. Plunkett	of Adams	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Samuel W. Bowerman	of Pittsfield	Fifty five	(55)
Theodore Bess	of Northfield	Two	(2)

For Governor

John D. Long	of Hingham	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Charles Thompson	of Gloucester	Fifty five	(55)
Horace Binney Sargent	of Salem	Two	(2)

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For Lieutenant Governor

Byam Hoston of Dalton One hundred and twenty six (126)
Asher E. Thompson of Woburn Fifty five (55)
George Dutton of Springfield Two (2)

For Secretary

Henry B. Peirce of Abington One hundred and twenty six (126)
Michael J. Donahoe of Somerville Fifty five (55)
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington Two (2)

For Treasurer

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford One hundred and twenty six (126)
Francis J. Parker of Newton Fifty five (55)
Wilbur F. Whitney of Dedham Two (2)

For Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield One hundred and twenty six (126)
Charles R. Field of Greenfield Fifty five (55)
Charles F. Warner of Northampton Two (2)

For Attorney General

George Marston of New Bedford One hundred and twenty six (126)
Patrick A. Collins of Boston Fifty five (55)
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers Two (2)

For Sheriff

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham One hundred and twenty six (126)
Godfrey Ryder of Medford Fifty five (55)
William H. Turner of Stoneham Two (2)

For District Attorney Northern Dist

William B. Stevens of Stoneham One hundred & twenty six (126)
James J. McCafferty of Lowell Fifty five (55)
Dean Dudley of Wakefield Two (2)

For County Commissioner

Emerson Hayward of Natick One hundred and twenty four (124)
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn Fifty five (55)
George W. Kimball of Natick Two (2)

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For Special Commissioners

Samuel Hayden of Concord	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Lewis P. Jewel of Everett	Fifty five	(55)
Clement Weare of Hopkinton	Fifty five	(55)
John S. Verity of Cambridge	Two	(2)
John E. Wesson of Woburn	Two	(2)

For Commissioners of Insolvency

Eudric I. Greenhalge of Lowell	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
John Howard Butler of Somerville	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
James McDonald of Marlborough	Fifty five	(55)
John H. Beardsley of Medford	Fifty five	(55)
John H. Morrison of Lowell	Fifty five	(55)
Nathan Cage jr of Wakefield	Two	(2)
Adam Tyler of Hudson	Two	(2)
Reuben Bacon of Bedford	Two	(2)

For Councillor 5th Dis

George Heywood of Concord	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Daniel Wetherbee of Acton	Fifty five	(55)
Walter Raymond of Reading	Two	(2)

For Representative in the 47th Congress 7th Dis

William A. Russell of Lawrence	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
Samuel N. Aldrich of Marlborough	Fifty five	(55)
Levi W. Whitney of Lowell	Two	(2)

For Senator 6th Middlesex Dis

Thomas Winship of Wakefield	One hundred and twenty six	(126)
George W. Norris of Woburn	Fifty five	(55)
Charles H. Long of Reading	Two	(2)

For Representative to General Court - 18th Mid Dis

Edwards A. Carey of Bedford	One hundred and eight	(108)
Eudric A. Butler of Bedford	Sixty one	(61)
William R. Hayden of Bedford	Three	(3)

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Town affairs

Art 1st Chose Thomas B. Hosmer Moderator

" 2nd Voted to accept the list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

" 3rd Voted to ratify the doings of the Town Officers in relation to insuring the Town Hall

" 4th Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding thirty dollars for printing Catalogues of Books for free distribution to persons entitled to take Books.

" 5th Voted to indefinately postpone this article.

" 6th Voted that the Janitor be authorized to prohibit spitting tobacco juice upon the floor of the Town Hall.

Voted to reconsider art 2nd Voted to strike out the name of B. J. Davis and add the name of Eldridge Hartwell, Voted to lay art 2nd on the table.

Committee on water supply made a verbal report and the town voted that the committee have further time.

Voted to take art 2nd from the table. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the town.
The following is the list as revised.

Charles C. Gragg. Charles S. Corey Albert T. Bacon
John H. Champney George H. Smith William G. Hartwell
William A. Lane W. B. Foster David Fitch
Irving L. Hodgdon Joseph Skinner Eldridge Hartwell
Samuel C. Meader William H. Brannan Wm. B. Hughes

Voted to adjourn
A true record Attest Charles S. Corey Town Clerk

November 3rd 1880

At a meeting of the Clerks of the towns of Lexington Billerica Bedford and Burlington, the Returns from their respective towns were presented for a Representative to the General Court for Representative District No 18, and were for the following persons, namely,

No of votes for	Charles A. Cirey	Frederic A. Cutter	Wm. K. Hayden	Benjamin Hood
Lexington	273	154		
Billerica	292	1		
Bedford	108	61	3	
Burlington	63	58		1
	736	274	3	1

Attest Leonard A. Saville } Town Clerk of Lexington
Dudley Foster } " " " Billerica
Charles A. Cirey } " " " Bedford
Samuel Sewall } " " " Burlington

A true record
Attest } Charles A. Cirey. Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 21st 1881

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the constables of the Town of Bedford in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Bedford on Monday the 21st day of March 1881 at 9 o'clock A.M. there and then to act upon the following articles, viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

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Art 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To vote on the following question, viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, yes or no.

" 4th On petition of Miss Lucinda Hosmer. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be used in enforcing the liquor law.

" 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

" 6th To see if the town will revoke and abolish the Road Commissioners, and if so, what method will they take to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money [illegible] or [illegible] will any money that is now in the treasury [illegible] of the town debt.

" 8th To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and to fix the [illegible] of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 9th To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use such means of collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed may use.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

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Art 11th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen for that purpose chosen by the town.

" 12th To see in what manner the town shall appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred dollars for the use of the Bedford Library.

" 14th To see what measure the town will take for ringing a bell for the ensuing year.

" 15th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase a pair of double harness for use with the hearse.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post-Office in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Isaac P. Bacon } Selectmen
A. J. Rice } of
[illegible] } Bedford.

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Middlesex S.S. Bedford March 12th 1881

[illegible] warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, being eight days at least before the said 21st day of March 1881 as directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 21st 1881

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford [illegible] as follows;

Art 1st. Chose for moderator Oliver J. Lane.

" 2d " Chose Charles A. Corey, Town Clerk.

Oliver J. Lane, John F. Boynton, Willard Ladd — Selectmen.

Emerson B. Cutter, Jonas Melvin — Constables

Charles A. Corey — Treasurer

William A. Lane, John F. Boynton, Wm J. Stoddard — Commissioners

Voted not to chose assessors of taxes.

Henry Hood, John Farrell, Albert P. Sampson — Assessors of the Poor

Charles E. Smith — Collector of Taxes

John Farrell — Road Commissioner for three years

Jonas Melvin, Albert P. Sampson, Henry Desmayes — Fire Wardens

Charles H. Clark, Charles E. Corey, Oliver J. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Emerson B. Cutter, Josiah Gragg — Surveyors of Lumber

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Art. 2nd Isaac P. Bacon S, Charles C. Corey S, Wm. A. Lane S, Henry Bacon, Charles H. Clark S, Amos B. Cole, Charles A. Corey S, Josiah Gragg, Charles G. Fox, Edward A. Kane, Marcus B. Webber S — Fence Viewers of Wood & Bark

Oliver J. Lane S, Charles H. Clark S, Albert Bacon S, Charles C. Corey S — Surveyors of Shingle

William J. Hilliard — Committee for three years

Joseph H. Goodwin, Lyman Cole, Newton Hudson — Cem Com

Henry Goodwin — Pound Keeper.

Newton Hudson — Pound Master.

Joseph C. Goodwin, Henry Shaw — auditors

William A. Lane, William W. Mundge, John McGovern — Appraisers of town farm Stock

Edward A. Kane — Janitor of Town Hall.

Charles C. Corey S, Charles H. Clark S — Weighers of grain

Charles H. Clark — [illegible] Liquor Corp.

" 3rd Voted, In answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, Yes or No", Yes 13 votes, No 50 votes.

" 4th Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, so much thereof as may be necessary to be used in enforcing the liquor law, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen, and that they are hereby instructed to carry into effect the action of the town in relation to the liquor law. $125.00

" 5th Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for the support of schools for the ensuing year $1800.00

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Art 5th Voted. To raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for school incidentals for the ensuing year. $200.00

Voted. To raise and appropriate fourteen hundred dollars to repair the roads and bridges for the ensuing year. $1400.00

Voted. To raise and appropriate one thousand dollars for incidental expenses and the removal of snow for the ensuing year. $1000.00

Voted To raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year. $1500.00

Voted. To raise and appropriate seventeen hundred dollars for the payment of interest for the ensuing year. $1700.00

Voted. To raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the insane poor for the ensuing year. 150.—

Voted. To raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for a deficiency fund, to be used in paying outstanding bills this March 1881. $150.00

Voted. To appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars, to be taken from the unexpended balances now in the treasury, to be used in paying outstanding bills this March 1st 1881.

" 6th Voted. To indefinitely postpone so much of the article as relates to road commissioners.

Voted. That the highway districts be the same as adopted in the year 1876, and that the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges be apportioned among the several districts in the same

Town Meeting March 21st 1881

Art. 6th manner as last year. Voted. That seventy five per cent of the money be expended by the first of June. It was also voted that the road commissioners be instructed to employ the superintendent of the town farm to make all repairs on Spring Street and Pine Hill roads, also to remove the snow from the sidewalks, and that the snow plow be kept at the town farm for that purpose.

" 7th Voted. That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the payment of the town debt; $800.00
Also the amount received from the Corporation and Bank Tax.
Voted. That the unexpended balances raised and appropriated for the years 1879 & 1880 be appropriated for the payment of the town note becoming due Feb 21st 1883.

" 8th Voted. That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the compensation of the collector of taxes be three fourth (3/4) of one per cent.

" 9th Voted. That the collector of taxes be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed may use.

" 10th Voted. That the treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th Voted. To raise and appropriate twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of the board of selectmen. $25.00

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Art-12th Voted. That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the Public Library

" 13th Voted. To raise and appropriate one hundred dollars for the benefit of the Public Library. $100.00

" 14th Voted. To refer this article to the Selectmen.

" 15th Voted. To raise and appropriate seventy five dollars, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen to purchase a pair of double harnes for use with the hearse. $75.00

Mr Josiah A. Stearns Chairman of the Tercentenical Committee of 1879 presented the Report of the committee which was accepted and ordered on file, and the committee discharged.

Voted. To accept the reports of the several town officers, except that portion of the selectmen report that comes under the head of "License Question" and contained on pages 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 of said report, which was not accepted by the town, but omitted from the town records, and rejected as a part of said town report.

Voted. To accept the report of the selectmen on guide posts and guide boards.

Voted. To accept the report of the Public Library Corporation.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 8th 1881

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall in said town, on Tuesday the eighth day of November next, at one o'clock P.M. (at which time the polls will be opened.) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of this Commonwealth, Councillor for Sixth District, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney-General, Also, also for District No Six, Clerk of the Courts, Representative to the General-Court in District No 18, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, all on one ballot.

Also to vote on the Amendment to the Constitution, Yes, or No.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:

Art 1st To chose a Moderator for said Meeting.

" 2nd To act on a list of names of persons as jurors presented by the selectmen.

" 3rd To see what action the town will take to insure the town hall, also the buildings and stock at the town farm.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office nine days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or

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before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred eighty one.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen
John F. Boynton } of
Willard Hall } Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford Oct 29th 1881

I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being nine days at least before the said 8th day of November 1881 as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, the Moderator opened the polls for State and County Officers, the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons, viz:

For Governor

John D. Long	of Hingham	Sixty six	(66) Votes
Charles A. Thompson	of Gloucester	Eleven	(11) "
Israel W. Andrews	of Danvers	One	(1) "

For Lieutenant-Governor

Byron Weston	of Dalton	Sixty six	(66) "
Simon H. Cardelon	of Haverhill	Eleven	(11) "
George Dutton	of Springfield	(1)	"

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For Governor for 5th Dis

George Haywood of Concord	Sixty six	(66) Votes
John C. Hanson of Lawrence	Eleven	(11) "
William H. H. Eastman of Lawrence	One	(1) "

For Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Pierce of Abington	Sixty six	(66) "
Michael J. Lennon of Somerville	Eleven	(11) "
Aaron D. Brown of Worcester	One	(1) "

For Treasurer and Receiver-General

Lewis S. Gleason of Medford	Sixty six	(66) "
William E. Hodges of Quincy	Eleven	(11) "
George Foster of Lynn	One	(1) "

For Auditor of the Commonwealth

Oliver A. Wells of Springfield	Sixty six	(66) "
Charles R. Field of Greenfield	Eleven	(11) "
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham	One	(1) "

For Attorney-General

George Marston of New Bedford	Sixty six	(66) "
Patrick A. Collins of Boston	Eleven	(11) "
David O. Allen of Lynn	One	(1) "

For Senator for 5th Dis

James Kinsley of Mansfield	Sixty six	(66) "
Edward H. Paulon of Pittsfield	Eleven	(11) "
William F. Crosby of Attleboro	One	(1) "

For Clerk of Courts

Theodore C. Hurd of Cambridge	Sixty seven	(77) "
Sam Dudley of Mansfield	One	(1) "

For Representative to the General Court-

Ebenezer Baker of Easton	Sixty six	(66) "

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For County Commissioner

Henry Flint	of Medford	Sixty six	(66)	Votes
Lewis S. Crane	of Everett	Eleven	(11)	"
Charles G. Fox	of Bedford	One	(1)	"

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes, Two (2) Votes: No, Forty two (42) Votes.

Town affairs

Art 1st Chose Oliver G. Crane moderator.

" 2nd Voted to accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen, as amended by the town. The following is the list as amended.

Lemuel W. Hutchins, Henry Hood, Nathaniel Smith, Samuel G. Carter, William S. Hughes, John McGowen, Edmund L. Fraelin, Amos H. Hunnewell, William Lyon, Alfred J. Brown, Frederic Davis, Frank S. Wilson, Frederic N. Cutler, Charles S. Flint, Chandler Higgins

" 3rd Voted, That the matter of remeasuring the town farm buildings on Pleasant St. be referred to the Overseers of the poor, and that the measuring of the town hall building be referred to the Selectmen.

The following Resolution offered by Henry Flint, was accepted and adopted;

Resolved that the legal voters of Bedford hereby take the first opportunity of their assembling in town meeting, to express their sense of the great loss the nation has sustained in the death of the President; of the manliness that caused him to be looked up to as the best type of American character, and of the unswerving devotion and courage that sustained him in the end, resolved that these resolutions be

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Spread at large upon the records of the town.

Voted that the polls be closed at 4.15 P.M.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 9th 1881

This certifies that at a meeting of the clerks of the towns of Lexington, Billerica, Bedford and Burlington, holden at Bedford November 9th at 12 o'clock M. the returns of the Selectmen of the aforesaid towns for a Representative to the General Court for District 1018 were presented by the Clerks and were for the following persons, namely,

Lexington for Emerson Baker	143	(Democrat) Elon Baker
Billerica " " "	158	
Bedford " " "	66	
Burlington " " "	48	
	415	

Attest Edward Jenkins, Clerk of Lexington
Dudley Foster " " Billerica
Chas. A. Corey " " Bedford
Samuel Sewall " " Burlington

A true copy

Attest Chas. A. Corey Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting March 20th 1882

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the town hall of said town on Monday the 20th day of March inst, at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

" 3rd To vote on the following question, Viz; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford: Yes, or No.

" 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

" 5th To see if the town will accept the acceptance of the act, providing for the election of Road Commissioners, and abolish said board.

" 6th To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

" 7th To see if the town will raise money by taxation or or appropriate any money that is or may be in the town treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 8th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes, and to fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

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Art 9th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 11th To see what measures the town will take for the ringing of a bell.

" 12th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 13th To see to what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 15th By request of the Cemetery Committee, To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five dollars for the use of the Shawsheen Cemetery

" 16th By request of Albert T. Bacon, Francis Rodman, A. P. Hanford, Henry Wood, and Henry Shaw.
To see if the town will chose a committee to purchase and place in the town hall a piano for the use of the inhabitants of the town, subject to such rules as a committee chosen annually shall devise; And raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the committee, or take any other action on the subject.

" 17th To see if the town will take any measures for the discontinuing of the roads known as "the old

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 20th 1882 Cont.

Art 17th Causeway, and "pine hill roads," as public highways, Also the town way leading from Lincoln road to the Wood house so called or do any thing relating thereto.

" 18th By request of the Committee of the Massachusetts Womens Suffrage Association, To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold Town offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

" 19th To see if the town will take any action in relation to reimbursing Charles Leon the sum of One hundred and twenty dollars taken from him and expended at the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

" 20th By request of Amos B. Butler and others, To see if the town will take any action in regard to procuring a plot of land in the Northwest part of the town of Lexington, to mark the spot and make some inscription on the two "Brother Rocks" or monumental stones, which were named "Brothers" by our first Gov John Winthrop, and Deputy Gov Thomas Dudley, of Massachusetts in 1638 in memory of their Division Boundary line of 1200 acres and 1000 acres of land near Concord River.
Also to see if the town will raise a suitable sum of money by tax or otherwise to defray the expenses of the same

" 21st To see if the town will authorize their Cemetery Committee to procure Head Marks for the graves in the Citizens and Poor lots in Shawsheen Cemetery, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 22nd To see if the town will revoke the present tariff for the use of the Town Hall, and establish a tariff for the same.

" 23rd To see if the town will take any action in relation to the School in the South District.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 20th 1882 Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town of Bedford at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this ninth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

Oliver P. Lane } Selectmen
John G. Boynton } of
Willard Badd } Bedford

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford March 11th 1882

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days at least within the said 20th day of March 1882 as within directed

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, March 20th 1882

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Art. 1st Chose Henry Shaw, Moderator.

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk, (Sworn)

" Oliver P. Lane s } Selectmen
" John G. Boynton s } Selectmen
" Willard Badd s } Selectmen

Henry Wood s } Overseers
Willard Badd s } of the
John Farrell s } Poor

Voted not to choose assessors of taxes.

" Charles A. Corey s } Treasurer
Thomas C. Cutler s } Collector

Oliver P. Lane } School Committee for three years
Jonas Melvin s } Constables
Emerson B. Cutler s }

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Art. 2nd Chose Henry Wood S } Road Commissioner for three years
" David B. L. Filch S } " " " One "

" Irving L. Hodgden S
" Wm W. Goodwin S } Field-drivers.
" Joseph A. Goodwin

William A. Lane S
John T. Boynton S } Fence Viewers.
William J. Stoddard S

" Charles H. Clark S
" Charles C. Corey S
" Oliver J. Lane S
" Charles A. Corey S
" Emerson B. Butler S
" Josiah Gragg } Surveyors of Lumber

A. H. Chase S
Isaac P. Bacon S
Charles C. Corey S
William A. Lane S
Henry Bacon S
Charles H. Clark S
Emers B. Butler S
Charles A. Corey S
Josiah Gragg
Charles G. Gay
Marcus B. Webber S } Surveyors of Wood & Bark.

" Oliver J. Lane S
" Charles H. Clark S
" Albert Bacon
" Charles C. Corey } Surveyors of Shingles

" Joseph H. Goodwin
" Lyman Cole
" J. Newton Hartwell } Cemetery Committee

Charles H. Gragg } Sexton
J. Newton Hartwell } Funeral conductor

" Joseph H. Goodwin
" Henry Chase } Auditors

William A. Lane
William W. Hodge
John McGowan } Appraisers of Town Farm Stock

" Samuel L. Lane } Janitor

Charles C. Corey
Charles H. Clark } Weighers of Grain

" 3rd Voted, In answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford?" Yes, or No, The whole number of votes cast, 59; Yes, 36; No, 23.

" 4th Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars for the support of schools for the ensuing year. $2000.00

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Art. 4th Voted, To raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year. $1500.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate Eight hundred dollars for incidental expenses for the ensuing year. $800.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate Two hundred dollars for the removal of snow for the ensuing year. $200.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor for the ensuing year. $1500.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate Sixteen hundred and fifty dollars for the payment of interest for the ensuing year. $1650.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars for the support of the Fire Department for the ensuing year $125.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate One hundred dollars for a deficiency fund, to be used in paying bills due Mar 1st 1882. $100.00

Voted, To raise and appropriate Four hundred dollars for repairs on public buildings for the ensuing year, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen for that purpose, Chose for said committee Edwin A. Hartwell Amos B. Butler and Oliver G. Lane. $400.00

" 5th Voted, Not to abolish the board of Road Commissioners

" 6th Voted, To pass over this article.

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Art. 7th Voted, That the sum of One thousand dollars be raised and appropriated for the payment of the town note becoming due February 27th 1883; Also the amount received from the National Bank and Corporation Tax, and One thousand dollars from money in the town treasury unexpended and unemployed; Also that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow Fifteen hundred dollars at the lowest possible rate of interest for the same purpose. $1000.00

" 8th Voted, That the compensation of the Collector of taxes be 3/4 of one per cent; and that the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year.

" 9th Voted, That the Collector of taxes be authorized to use all means for collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed may use.

" 10th Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 11th Voted, To refer this article to the Selectmen.

" 12th Voted, To raise and appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars for the benefit of the library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation. $125.00

" 13th Voted, Not to appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the use of the library. This vote was afterwards reconsidered; and the money appropriated for the use of the library to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

" 14th Voted, To raise and appropriate Twenty dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers

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Art 14th graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, $20.00

" 15th Voted, To raise and appropriate Seventy five dollars for the use of the Shawsheen Cemetery $75.00

" 16th Voted, To raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars to purchase and place in the town hall a Piano for the use of the inhabitants of the town; subject to such rules as a committee chosen annually shall devise; the money to be expended under the direction of the committee, Chose for said committee Albert T. Bacon Francis Rodman A. C. Sampson Henry Wood and Henry Shaw. $300.00

" 17th Voted, That this article be referred to the Selectmen and that they be instructed to confer with the County Commissioners in relation to discontinuing the roads mentioned in said article,

" 18th Voted, Not to ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold Town offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens,

" 19th Voted, To refer this article to the Overseers of the Poor with instructions to seek legal advise on the subject and to report at the next town meeting,

" 20th Voted, To choose a committee of five to take into consideration article 20th and to report at some future town meeting, Chose for this committee Josiah Stearns Albert T. Bacon Amos B. Butler Abram E. Brown and Oliver J. Lane,

" 21st Voted, That the sum of Twenty five dollars be taken from the money appropriated for the use

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Art. 21st. of the Shawsheen Cemetery, to procure Head Boards for the graves in the City, and Five lots in the Shawsheen Cemetery, and the Cemetery Committee are hereby authorized to procure the same.

" 22nd Voted, That the following rules and regulations be adopted for the use and care of the Town Hall.

1st. The general care of the building shall be entrusted to the Selectmen,

2nd. The town at the annual meeting in March shall choose a Janitor, whose duty it shall be to attend personally to warming and lighting the various rooms of the building whenever they are to be occupied, and keeping the same with the furniture therein at all times neat and clean; he shall be present at all meetings and parties when the Hall is occupied, to see that good order and decorum is preserved; and he shall report to the Selectmen all injuries done to the house or to the furniture, fences and appurtenances thereof, as soon as the same shall come to his knowledge; he shall not let the Hall to any person or persons at any time when it may be wanted by the town for municipical purposes, and no lamps shall be filled or trimmed except by day light; he shall keep an account of all money received by him and of all charges for the care of the Hall and shall pay over the balance to the Town Treasurer; he shall also exhibit to the Selectmen at any time when called upon, said account; and the Selectmen shall make an annual report of the same to the town.
The Janitor shall not let the Hall for the purpose of amusement, more than two weeks previous to the time for which it is applied for, and not more than one night and day to the same parties at any one time, except by the special permit of the Selectmen,

3rd. The Janitor shall let the Hall at the following rate

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Art 22nd which shall be paid by the applicants at the time of their application, Viz;

For an evening when lighted and warmed for the first three hours	$1.25
" " " " " not " " " " " "	1.00
and 30¢ per hour during the remainder of the time when occupied,	
For a day when warmed	2.00
" " " not "	1.50
" 1/2 " when "	1.25
" " " not "	1.00.

The Janitor shall charge ($4.00) four dollars in addition to the above tariff of prices to all persons who are not residents of the town, for all occasions the primary object of which is amusement; but in all other cases no extra charge shall be made,

The compensation the Janitor shall receive for his services shall be as follows; –

For an evening for the first three hours	.65¢
" 1/2 day " " " " "	.65¢
" 1 " " " " " "	.65¢

after first three hours while occupied 15¢ per hour; all extra services 15¢ per hour.

4th

These rules and regulations shall be printed and a copy of them posted in a conspicuous place in the Town Hall.

All former rules and regulations adopted by the town are hereby repealed,

" 23rd Voted. To pass over this article,

The reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Owners of the Bar and Cemetery Committee were presented, accepted, and placed on file,

The report of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation was accepted and placed on file, the Selectmen report on guide posts & boards was disposed of in the same manner, Voted to adjourn,

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3rd 1882

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said county, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the third day of April next at 7½ o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

" 2nd To see if the town will adopt the "Truant Law" and make the necessary arrangements to carry the same into effect.

" 3rd To hear the report of the several committees chosen at the annual meeting held on March 20th and act thereon,

" 4th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty dollars for the future support of Charles Dean, to be applied in a manner satisfactory to him and the present board of Overseers of the Poor, or do any thing thereon.

" 5th To see if the town will take any measures to procure gravel for the use of the highways.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 22nd day of March A.D. 1882

Oliver J. Lane
John T. Boynton } Selectmen of Bedford
Willard Ladd

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3rd 1882

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford March 22nd 1882

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days at least before the said 3rd day of April 1882, as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler

Constable of Bedford

A true copy

Attest - Charles A. Corey

Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 3rd 1882

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows;

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted To accept and adopt the provisions required by law relating to truants and absentees from school. Public Statutes chapter 48 sections 10 to 17 inclusive Voted. To accept and adopt the code of by-laws as presented by the School Committee.

" 3rd The committee chosen to purchase a piano, made a verbal report; stating that they had attended to that duty and had purchased a piano for two hundred and ninety two dollars. said report accepted.

The committee chosen under article 20th at the annual March meeting, in relation to the "Brother Rocks", made a verbal report; it was then voted to suspend the rules in order to hear from Rev Mr. Hagen of Boston. It was then voted that the committee have further time and that they ascertain the right of the town to raise and appropriate money for such a purpose, and to report at some future meeting

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Art 4th The committee chosen to investigate in relation to the subject matter contained in this article, made a verbal report which was accepted, it was then
Voted, Not to raise and appropriate money as asked for in this article,

" 5th Voted, That the Selectmen and the Road Commissioners be a committee to procure gravel for the highways,

Voted to adjourn
A true record
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 25th 1882

Middlesex S.S.
To either of the constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting;
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Wednesday the 25th day of April inst, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see what measures the town will adopt for the settlement of the claim for damages, presented by Mrs Celia Hensley against the town of Bedford,

" 3rd To see if the town will do any thing in relation to making any alterations on the engine house, and to provide a suitable building for the hearse, and take the necessary action to carry the same into effect.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 26th 1882

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said Bedford at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Dated at Bedford this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred eighty two.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen
John L. Boynton } of
Willard Badd } Bedford

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford April 17th 1882

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post-Office, being eight days at least before the said 26th day of April 1882 as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 26th 1882

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose Henry Shaw moderator.

" 2nd Voted That the claim of Mrs Celia Hensley for damages, be referred to the Selectmen; and that they be authorized to settle the same in such a manner, as in their judgement they may deem

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Art. 2nd is for the best interest of the town.

" 3rd Voted, That the Selectmen be chosen a committee to build an addition to the engine house for the accomodation of the hearse; and that the town raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars for the same $100.00

Voted, To adopt the following resolve presented by Amos B. Cutter.

Resolved, That the Overseers and Superintendant of the inmates of the Town Farm in Bedford, be requested to keep the inmates in some kind of employment on the Town Farm and Town Roads, to work according to their abilities.

Voted, To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug 14th 1882
Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford in said County. Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 14th day of Aug. inst. at 7½ o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz;

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will vote to make additions to the town farm house, necessary for the accomodation of the inmates, and raise and appropriate

Warrant for Town Meeting Aug 14th Continued.

a sum of money sufficient for the same; also to choose a committee to carry the same into effect;

Also to see what action the town will take in relation to the bill presented to the Overseers of the Poor by Frank Frost;

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 7th day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty two.

Oliver J. Lane
John T. Boynton
Willard Ladd
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex, S.S.

Bedford Aug. 7th 1882

I have this day served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office, being seven days at least before the said 14th day of August 1882 as within directed,

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford,

A true copy.

Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 14th 1882

In accordance with the foregoing warrant notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows,

Town Meeting August 14th 1882 Continued

Art - 1st Chose E. G. Loomis moderator.

" 2nd Voted That a sum not exceeding Eighty dollars ($80.00) be appropriated for the enforcement, and for repairs on the town farm house, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the expense of the same.

" 3rd Voted, That the matter of the suit of Frank Frost against the town of Bedford be referred to the Overseers of the Poor and the Selectmen with full power to settle the same or otherwise as they may think fit.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1882

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting: In the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 7th day of Nov next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened and may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Councillor for the 5th District, A Representative in Congress for the 8th District, A Senator for the 6th Middlesex District, A Representative to the General Court for the 18th

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1882

Middlesex District, A County Treasurer, A Register of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex, A County Commissioner for Middlesex County, A County Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Harrison Harwood, all on one ballot;
Also to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz;

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

" 2nd To act on a list of names for jurors, presented by the Selectmen, for revision and acceptance.

" 3rd To see if the town will vote to discontinue Pine Hill road, so called, as a public highway, and to keep it open as a private way.

" 4th To see what action the town will take in relation to assuming the full expense incurred in lowering and rebuilding the culvert across main street near the junction of main and Loomis streets.

" 5th By request of C. L. Hall, To see what action the town will take in relation to making a piece of road now laid out on his farm running from near the front of his house to Lexington line, a public town way.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 28th day of Oct A. D. 1882.

Elmer J. Lane John J. Wyman Willard Ladd
Selectmen of Bedford

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1882

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Oct 28th 1882

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days at least before the said 7th day of November 1882 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Dorey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1882.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers; the votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons, viz;

For Governor

Robert R. Bishop of Newton One hundred and one (101)
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell Sixty one (61) Votes

Lieutenant Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton One hundred and nineteen (119)
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield Forty one (41)
George Dutton of Springfield One (1)

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce of Stoughton One hundred and nineteen (119)
David N. Skillings of Winchester Forty one (41)
John Howes of Worcester One (1)

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Treasurer and Receiver-General

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford One hundred & nineteen (119) Votes
William A. Hodges of Quincy Forty one (41) "
George Foster of Lynn One (1) "

Auditor

Charles R. Dodd of Springfield One hundred & nineteen (119) "
John T. Sweeney of Lawrence Forty one (41) "
Augustus L. Merchant of Leverett One (1) "

Attorney-General

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence One hundred & nineteen (119) "
George F. Verry of Worcester Forty one (41) "
Elmer A. Shaw of Athol One (1) "

Representative to Congress 8 District

William A. Russell of Lawrence One hundred & nineteen (119) "
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell Forty one (41) "
Charles E. Cox of Lunenburg One (1) "

County Treasurer

Amos Stone of Everett One hundred and one (101) "
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn Forty one (41) "
William H. Turner of Stoneham One (1) "

County Commissioner for unexpired term

William H. Frost of Marlborough One hundred & nineteen (119) "
Benjamin F. Wilson of Framingham Forty one (41) "

County Commissioner for 3 years

Daniel C. Walton of Wakefield One hundred & nineteen (119) "
Lewis Stone of Everett Forty one (41) "

Register of Deeds, Southern Middlesex District

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge One hundred & one (101) "
James H. McDonald of Marlborough Forty one (41) "
Charles H. Parsons of Malden One (1) "

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Councillor 5 District

George Maynard of Concord One hundred twenty five (125)
John A. Vanborn of Lawrence Thirty five (35)
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence One (1)

Senator 3 Middlesex District

Onslow Gilmore of Stoneham One hundred & nineteen (119)
William F. Young of Wakefield Forty one (41)

Representative to the General Court 18th District

Leonard A. Saville of Lexington One hundred & thirty two (132)
Henry B. Judkins of Billerica Twenty eight (28)

Town affairs.

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator

" 2nd Voted, To accept the following list of names for jurors as presented by the Selectmen, and revised by the town. Charles H. Wood, Isaac E. Pilch, Charles W. Higgins, Samuel L. Lane, John McGovern, William B. Hughes, Putnam B. Smith, Frederic Lewis, David L. N. Pilch, Frederic A. Carey, Clarence F. Libby, Eldridge Cartwell, Irving L. Hodgdon, Amos W. Hammewell.

" 3rd Voted that the town do hereby discontinue the Pine Hill road, so called, as a public highway, and keep it open as a private way, and that notice to that effect be posted at both ends of said road.

" 4th Voted that the town do hereby assume the bill of John Jordan and Lyman Wing for labor in draining underbuilding the culvert across main street near the junction of Main and Loomis Streets, and that the further consideration of the article be laid on the table.

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Art 5th Voted, To indefinately postpone this article.

Voted that the polls for the choice of State and County Officers be closed at 4.40 P.M.

Voted to adjourn.
A true record
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 8th 1882

This certifies that at a meeting of the Town Clerks of Representative District No 18 in the County of Middlesex, holden at Bedford on Wednesday Nov 8th at 12 o'clock M. for the purpose of ascertaining the number of ballots cast in said District for a Representative to the General Court, presented their returns which were for the following persons, viz:—

	Leonard A. Saville	Henry S. Judkins	Eben Baker
Billerica	234	70	1
Lexington	295	124	
Bedford	132	28	
Burlington	60	58	
	721	280	1

Attest: Charles A. Corey Town Clerk of Billerica
Leonard S. Saville " " " Lexington
Charles A. Corey " " " Bedford
Samuel Sewall " " " Burlington

Warrant for Town Meeting, Mar 19th 1883

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the town hall of said town on Monday the 19th day of March inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs. Viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2nd. To vote on the following question, Viz; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.

" Art. 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" Art. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same; Also to provide for the special appropriation of 650. made in the year 1882 and for the deficiency of the same year.

Art. 5th. To see if the town will revoke the acceptance of the act providing for the elections of Road Commissioners and abolish said board.

Art. 6th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 7th. To see if the town will raise money by taxation or appropriate any money that is, or may be in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

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Art. 8th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 9th To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 10th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 11th To see what measures the town will adopt for the erecting of a bell.

" 12th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 13th To see to what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 15th To see if the town will take any action in the case of Justus C. Hastings, relating to the interest of the town in the future, in connection with the said Hastings.

" 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty five dollars to reimburse Josiah H. Elkins in part for the expense incurred by him in publishing the report of the Sesqui Centennial

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celebration held in August 1877.

Art. 17th. By request of the committee of the Massachusetts Womens Suffrage Association, To see if the town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens.

" 18th. To see if the town will accept a legacy in accordance with the will of the late Mrs Emeline C. Putnam.

" 19th. By request; To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the engine company six dollars each per year for services, or do anything relating thereto.

" 20th. To see if the town will choose a committee with full power to act, to investigate the case of William H. Bowman in relation to the support of the daughter of said Bowman, or do any thing thereon.

" 21st. To see if the town will raise a sum of money sufficient to build a privy at the centre school, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 22nd. To see what action the town will take in relation to changing the time of holding the annual March meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the town hall and at the post office eight days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of the town of Bedford at or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hand at Bedford this 9th day of March 1883

William J. Crane
Willard Caldwell
John T. Bowman
} Selectmen of Bedford

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Middlesex S.S.

Bedford March 9th 1883

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up two attested copies of the same at the Town House and also one at the post office being eight days at least before the said 19th day of March 1883 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

" Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith, Albert B. Sampson } Selectmen

The town omitted to chose Assessors and the Selectmen were duly qualified for said office.

Charles A. Corey } Treasurer Thomas C. Cutler } Collector of Taxes

Emerson B. Cutler, Jonas Melvin } Constables.

Charles H. Wood, Albert B. Sampson, Isaac S. Fitch } Overseers of Poor

William A. Lane, John J. Hayden, Wm. J. Stratton } Fence Viewers

David L. B. Fitch } Highway Surveyor

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Art 2nd Irving L. Hodgdon, William H. Goodwin, Joseph A. Goodwin, Isaac E. Fitch } Field drivers

Charles H. Clark, Charles C. Corey, Oliver J. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes } Surveyors of lumber

Seward S. Chase, Isaac P. Bacon, Charles C. Corey, William A. Lane, Henry Bacon, Charles H. Clark, Amos B. Cutler, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles G. Foss, Marcus B. Webber } Surveyors of wood and bark

Oliver J. Lane, Charles H. Clark, Albert Bacon, Charles C. Corey } Surveyors of shingles

Mrs Abby E. Lane } School Committee for three years

Jos. H. Goodwin, Lyman Wed. L. Cutler Hardwell } Cemetery Com.

Charles C. Corey } Sand sexton for L. Cutler, Hardwell } Funeral to attend

Jos. H. Goodwin, Marcus B. Webber } Auditors

W. A. Lane, W. H. Mudge, Henry L. Sawyer } appraisers of town farm stock

Samuel L. Lane } Janitor of Town Hall

Charles C. Corey, Charles H. Clark, Daniel E. Haynes } Measurers of grain

Albert T. Bacon, Francis Rodman, Albert A. Simpson, Henry Hood, Samuel L. Lane } Committee for the care of the pianos in Town Hall

Town Meeting March 1st 1880

Art 2 – 3rd Voted. In answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Whole number of votes 100. Yes 53. No 47.

" 4th Voted. To raise and appropriate One thousand eight hundred dollars ($1800.) for the support of schools for the ensuing year; Two hundred of the same to be expended for incidental expenses of the schools.

Voted. To raise and appropriate Twelve hundred dollars ($1200.) for the repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Voted. To raise and appropriate Eight hundred dollars ($800. for incidental expenses, and the removal of snow for the ensuing year.

Voted. To raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500. for the support of the poor for the ensuing year, One hundred dollars of the same or so much thereof as may be necessary to be expended for painting the building on the farm.

Voted. To raise and appropriate Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.) for the payment of interest for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise and appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars ($125.) for the support of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Voted To raise and appropriate Three hundred dollars ($300. and to appropriate the unexpended balance of the year 1880 for the payment of bills on March 1st 1880.

Voted, To raise and appropriate Eighty dollars and

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Art 4th fifty dollars ($50.) for the payment of the note due the State Treasurer Feb 26th 1884.

" 5th Voted, To revoke the acceptance of the act providing for the election of Road Commissioners, and abolish said board.

" 6th Voted, That the town choose a surveyor of highways whose duty it shall be to repair all the roads and bridges in the town.

" 7th Voted, To raise and appropriate Five hundred dollars ($500.) and to appropriate the money received from the National Bank and to provide for the payment of a part of the town debt for the ensuing year.

" 8th Voted That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year and that the compensation of the collector of taxes be one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the town treasury.

" 9th Voted, To authorize the collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 10th Vote, To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for

" 11th Voted, To refer this article to the Selectmen.

" 12th Voted, To raise and appropriate One hundred and twenty five dollars ($125.) for the support of the Boylston Free Public Library, to be expended under the direction of the Boylston Free Public Library Corporation.

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Art. 10th Voted, To appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the benefit of the public schools.

" 14th Voted, to raise and appropriate Twenty Dollars ($20.) for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in this town, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

" 15th Voted, to refer this article to the Overseers of the Poor with full power to act;

16th Voted, that a committee of three be chosen by the chair to draft suitable resolutions and a vote of thanks of the town for the valuable service rendered the town by Josiah A. Stearns in the Legislature of Massachusetts held in August 1879. Chose for this committee Abram Thomas, Thomas H. Walker and Seth F. Lincoln.

" 17th Voted, Not to ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

" 18th Voted, To accept the legacy of the late Mrs Emeline B. Robinson upon the same terms as the town accepted the legacy of the late Joshua Lincoln, and that the same be used for the payment of town debts.

" 19th Voted, to pay the members of the engine company sixty dollars ($60.) a year each for their services, and that a sum sufficient to meet the expense of the same be raised and appropriated by the town.

" 20th Voted to refer this article to the Overseers of the Poor with full power to act.

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Art. 21 Voted. To raise and appropriate twenty five dollars ($25,) to build a fence at the center school to be expended under the direction of the following committee, Committee Alvin J. Lane and Edwin A. Hartwell.

" 22 Voted. To indefinitely postpone this article.

Resolved, that we the citizens of Redfield in town meeting assembled tender our hearty thanks to Mr Thomas H. Dowlin of New York for the thoughtful remembrance and generosity to his native town in the gift of the elegant chandelier and side lamps placed in the Town Hall by him. Resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to put these resolutions upon the town records, and send a copy of the same to the donor.

Whereas the town of Redfield has received most valuable service in the preparation and delivery of the Historical address at the Sesquicentennial Celebration held in August 1879. Therefore Resolved, that the thanks of the town be expressed to Mr Jonathan F. Stearns of Syracuse N.Y. for the valuable labor gratuitously performed by him. Resolved, that the Clerk be required to place the same upon the records of the town and to send a copy to Mr Jonathan F. Stearns.

Voted, That the report of the several town officers be accepted and placed on file.

Voted, To accept the report of the Library Association and the Committee on Butterbuck and that the same be placed on file.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles H. Gray Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct 6th 1883

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:-
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Saturday the sixth day of October next at 7½ o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz.

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

" 2nd To see what action the town will take in relation to making repairs on the Carlisle bridge, or do anything relating thereto.

" 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry the above into effect.

" 4th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money for the same purpose.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office 8 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bedford this 25th day of September 1883. Oliver J. Lane, Nathaniel B. Smith, Albert F. Flint, Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S. Bedford Sept 25th 1883
This is to certify that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days

at least before the said 6th day of October 1883 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Francis J. Gray Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Oct 6th 1883

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Dame moderator.

" 2nd Voted. To choose a committee of three to examine the Carlisle bridge and to report at an adjourned meeting; Chose for said committee Oliver J. Dame Shadrach Clark and Eldridge Blackwell.

Voted. That when this meeting adjourns it be to Oct 13th 1883 at 7½ O'clock P.M.

Voted. That the committee be instructed to ascertain if the old bridge can be rebuilt so as to be safe, also the estimated cost of a new pile bridge, and an iron bridge with a stone pier in the centre. also the cost of extending the abutment two spans into the river.

Voted to adjourn

October 13th 1883

Town met agreeable to adjournment

The committee chosen under article 2nd made a verbal report; and the committee were given further time to procure estimates of different kinds of bridges

Adjourned Meeting Oct. 13th 1883

Voted. That when this meeting adjourns it be to Oct. 27th 1883 at two o'clock P.M.

Voted. That the town do build a new Carlisle bridge, and that the committee be instructed to advertise for proposals for the filling up of a part of the abutment at the end of the old bridge and for a wooden bridge the remaining part: also for an iron bridge with a stone pier in the centre; or any other proposals they think best to obtain; also to obtain legal advice in relation to the same: also that they be instructed to confer with the selectmen of Carlisle and cause an article to be inserted in their warrant for their meeting to see if the inhabitants will object to the town of Carlisle extending the abutment further into the river, and to see if the town of Carlisle will pay a part of the expense of a stone pier in the centre of the river.

Voted to adjourn

Adjourned Meeting Oct. 27th 1883

The town met agreeable to adjournment.

Voted to build a new pile bridge in the place of the present one from the Carlisle line to the northern abutments. The following committee were chosen to carry into effect the vote of the town. Alvin Adams Charles W. Stone Stephen Burnett Isaac N. Bacon & David L. B. Pitch.

Voted That the committee be instructed to purchase all material for the new bridge and to contract for driving the piles and putting on the caps. Also to complete the bridge and to remove the old structure by contract or by days work under their supervision as shall seem to them advisable and that the time of building the bridge be left with the committee

Adjourned Meeting Oct 27th 1883

Art 3rd Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one hundred dollars to carry the above vote into effect.

" 4th Voted. That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a temporary loan of twenty one hundred dollars for the same purpose.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 6th 1883

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the 6th day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, Councillor for Dis No 6, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Senator for the 1st Middlesex District, District Attorney, Commissioner of Insolvency, Register of Probate and Insolvency, Sheriff for Middlesex County, County Commissioner, Special County Commissioner, Representative in General Court for the 15th Middlesex District, all on one ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs. Viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

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Art 2nd To see if the town will accept a list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

Art 3rd By request of the members of the Work and Ladder Co To see if the town will finish a room in the upper part of the Engine house and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry the same into effect.

Art 4th By request of Emerson B. Butler To see if the town will vote to abate from his tax of 1883 the amount assessed on his buildings which were destroyed by fire.

Art 5th By request of Jonas Melvin. To see if the town will vote to pay him the balance due for his services as superintendent of the town farm for the year 1882-3.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty three

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Allen P. Sampson
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S. S. Bedford Oct 27th 1883 This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office being eight days at least before this 27th day of October 1883 as within directed Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford. A true copy Attest Chas H. Gray Town Clerk

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows; the Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers: the votes were received sorted and counted by the Selectmen and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons; Viz—

For Governor

George D. Robinson of Chicopee One hundred & twenty eight	128
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell Fifty three	53

Lieutenant Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton One hundred & forty two	142
James L. Grinnell of Greenfield Forty nine	49

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Henry B. Peirce of Abington One hundred & forty two	142
Charles March of Springfield Forty nine	49

Treasurer and Receiver General

Daniel A. Pierson of Medford One hundred & forty two	142
Charles H. Ingalls of North Adams Forty nine	49

Auditor

Charles E. Ladd of Springfield One hundred & forty two	142
John W. Parris of Millbury Forty nine	49

Attorney General

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence One hundred & forty two	142
John H. Cummings of Fall River Forty nine	41

District Attorney

William B. Stevens of Montague One hundred & twenty nine	129
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield Sixty two	62

Sheriff

Henry C. Cushing of Lowell One hundred & ninety one	191

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County Commissioner

William S. Frost of Marlborough One hundred & forty two 142
Lewis P. True of Everett Forty nine 49

Special Commissioners

James M. Hunting of Cambridge One hundred & forty two 142
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn One hundred & twenty nine 129
Edward T. Thompson of Woburn Thirteen 13
Samuel Staples of Concord Forty nine 49
Sylvanus Pond of Holliston Forty nine 49

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Joseph W. Lyon of Worcester One hundred & ninety one 191

Commissioners of Insolvency

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell One hundred & forty two 142
John Cassel Butler of Somerville One hundred & forty two 142
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer One hundred & forty two 142
Edmund Mecorney of Worcester Forty nine 49
John H. Ponce of Cambridge Forty nine 49
Edward B. Dunn of Lowell Forty nine 49

Councellor Sixth District

James H. Bennett of Lowell One hundred & forty two 142
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell Forty nine 49

Senator 6th Mid Dis

Jonathan Tilden of Winchester One hundred & twenty nine 129
William F. Young of Wakefield Sixty two 62

Representative to General Court

George R. Cobb of Billerica One hundred & thirty five 135
Samuel Sewall of Burlington Fifty five 55

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1883

Town officers

Art. 1st Chas. Elmer J. Lane Moderator

Art. 2nd Voted to accept the following list of jurors as presented by the selectmen.
William H. Hodge Lane H. Longfield Charles H. J. Sand Edmund L. Sutton Lindley Winsted Moses E. Lane John Downs Wm. H. Goodwin Edwin N. Hartwell Martin Kelley Henry A. Lane George L. Davis William Lyons & Willis G. Lane

Art. 3rd Voted. That the town do raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding seventy five dollars to cover in a room in the engine house over the machine; to be in the front part of the building and some sixteen feet deep and as near the width of the building as can be, allowing for stair way; and the same to be altered by the direction of the selectmen and two members of the hose and ladder company, consisting of Fredric A. Butler and Henry Hutchins.

Art. 4th Voted. To instruct the assessors to abate the tax of Emerson B. Butler on his buildings destroyed by fire.

Art. 5th Voted. That the town be authorized to borrow a sum of money sufficient to satisfy the claim of James Melvin against the town of Bedford.

Voted to adjourn

A true record
Attest
Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 7th 1883

This certifies that at a legal meeting of the Town Clerks in Representative District No 18 holden at Bedford on the seventh day of November 1883 at 12 M. for the purpose of ascertaining what person has been elected a Representative to the General Court; the returns from the several towns were presented and were for the following persons, Viz:—

	George R. Cobb of Billerica.	Samuel Sewall of Burlington	Leonard D. Saville
Billerica	295	100	
Lexington	350	153	1
Bedford	135	55	
Burlington	35	88	
	815	396	1

A true record

Attest Charles A. Wright Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 15th 1884

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday the 15th day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see what sum the town will vote to appropriate for building a bridge on or near Mr. Hartin and Lewis Pollard's, or elsewhere on North Billerica or Pine Street, or act on the same.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 13th 1884

Art 5th To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer to dispose of the stock of the Boston and Lowell Rail Road Corporation, to be subscribed for by him in the name of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this fifth day of March, A.D. 1884.

Lewis J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Albert C. Sampson
} Selectmen of Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford March 5th 1884
This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the one at the Post-Office, being eight days at least before the said 13th day of March 1884 as within directed.

Lewis J. Lane Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 13th 1884.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:

Town Meeting March 15th 1881

Art 1st Chosen for moderator Oliver J. Lane.

" 2nd Voted, That the town subscribe for four (4) shares of the capital stock of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation at the par value thereof of five hundred dollars per share and, that the Treasurer of the town be authorized and instructed to subscribe for said stock in the name of the town and to issue upon notes or bonds in the name of the town and upon such terms as he may consider most favorable for the town money sufficient to pay for the said stock, provided that said Corporation shall within one year locate and build a branch or extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad between Bedford and North Billerica, the line thereof in Bedford to be substantially as now surveyed and payment therefor to be made upon the duly executed contract of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to complete said branch or extension as aforesaid.

One hundred and thirteen ballots were cast in favor of this article and none against it: and the check list used.

" 3rd Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized and instructed to alienate and dispose of all stock of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to be subscribed for in line in the name of the town, in such manner as may seem to him for the best interest of the town, or to make an agreement in the name of the town to sell said stock upon the completion of the road through the town to North Billerica.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Crey
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 17th 1881

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall of said town on Monday the 17th day of March inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd. To vote on the following question, Viz: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No".

" 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and to make appropriations for the same, Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1883 & 4.

" 5th. To see what method the town will adopt in the repairs of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th. To see if the town will raise money by taxation or appropriate any money that is, or may be, in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th. To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes, for the ensuing year.

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes,

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Art. 1st. Will the town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, also to borrow money to pay for the rebuilding of the Cambridge bridge so called as the bill for doing the same may be presented.

" 10th. To see what measures the town will adopt for the singing of a bell.

" 11th. To see if the town will allow interest on the sum of One hundred dollars, deposited with the town treasurer by Susan O. Abbott, the income of said sum to be used for the care of the said Abbott lot No 287 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 12th. To see if the town will elect a person to become a member of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

" 13th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 15th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 16th. To see if the town will vote to alter the financial year in the future on the first of February, and change the time of holding the annual Meeting

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Art. 16th to the First Monday in March.

" 17th To see if the town will take any action in relation to providing a stone watering trough and placing it in the proper place on the highway near Lexington line.

" 18th To see if the town will take action in relation to renewing the policy of insurance on the Town Hall building. Also to procure an insurance on the Engine House, and content in the same.

" 19th To see what action the town will take to provide for the payment of $1500. a part of the town debt due the State of Massachusetts Feb 21st 1885.

" 20th To see if the town will vote to purchase a range for the Institution at the town hall or do any thing relating thereto.

" 21st Petition of E. L. Neil. To see if the town will allow him the sum of $10.00 for repairing the road (leading from the south road to his house) the ensuing year.

" 22nd To see if the town will take any action in relation to fixing the pay of the members of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

" 23rd To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to take such measures as are needful to secure a system of graded schools.

" 24th To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of the Public Schools.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town at or before the time as said meeting. Dated at Bedford this eighth day of March A.D. 1884.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Alvin P. Sampson
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford March 8th 1884

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town House and also one at the Post Office in said town at least seven days at least before the said 17th day of March within named.

Emerson B. Cutler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 17th 1884

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted in the subject matter contained therein as follows;

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Chose Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith and Edwin H. Blake Selectmen

Voted to omit to choose assessors.

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Also 2nd Chose Charles A. Gray Treasurer.

Chose Thomas B. Wells Collector of Taxes.

Chose Lorenzo B. Butler and James Melvin Constables.

Chose Albert S. Sampson Charles H. Newhall and Henry Desmarais, Overseers of the Poor.

Chose William H. Lane John T. Bigelow and William J. Whitcomb Fence Viewers.

Chose David L. S. Pitch Weighing Sealer.

Chose Jerome S. Montgomery Corpl. Louis Leff & Erastus and Albert F. Sampson Field Drivers.

Chose Charles H. Albert Oliver J. Jones Charles Abbey Charles A. Chase Lorenzo B. Butler and Daniel C. Haynes Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Samuel Hobart Jesse P. Bacon Charles A. Gray William H. Lane Chose H. Eliot Thomas B. Butler Chas. A. Gray Daniel C. Haynes Charles A. Gray and Thomas B. Wells Surveyors of Highways.

Chose Nathan B. Smith School Committee for three years.

Chose Joseph H. Gardner J. Newton Hartwell and Lyman Bolt Cemetery Committee.

Chose Charles A. Gray Sealer of Leather

Chose J. Newton Hartwell, Funeral Undertaker.

Chose Joseph H. Gardner and Thomas B. Wells Auditors.

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Art. 2nd Chose Calvin J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith and Adam H. Clark, Assessors of Town Clock,

Chose Samuel L. Lane, Janitor of Town Hall,

Chose Charles C. Lane, Charles H. Clark and Lewis B. Cayne, Weighers of grain.

Chose Albert L. Burr, Francis Rodman, Albert Fox, Jr., Thomas Hart and Samuel L. Lane, Committee on Piano.

" 3rd Voted on the following question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes. 76, No 38.

" 4th Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the following purposes,

Schools and School Incidentals, Nineteen hundred dollars $1900.

Roads and Bridges, Fourteen hundred dollars, $1400.

Incidentals, Seven Eight hundred dollars, $800.

Support of Poor, Fifteen hundred dollars $1500.

Payment of Interest, Fourteen hundred dollars $1400.

Sprinkling Fund, Three hundred dollars $300.

Public Bridge, One thousand dollars $1000.

" 5th Voted to lay the matter with Lottie.

" 6th Voted, to appropriate the money received for Dog and Exemption Tax to the payment of a part of the town debt;

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Art. 7. Voted, That the taxes be collected in the same manner as last year, and that the compensation of the collector be the same as was paid last year.

" 8th Voted, That the Selectmen of Taxes be authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses & to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for. Also to borrow money to pay for the rebuilding of the Sudbury bridge, so called, on the bill for doing the same may be presented.

" 10th Voted, Not to refer the article to the selectmen.

" 11th Voted, To allow interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the sum of One hundred dollars deposited with the Town Treasurer by Susan J. Abbott, to be used for the care of the said Abbott lot No 187 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 12th Chose Wallace C. Walker a member of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation.

" 13th Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library. $125

" 14th Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars to decorate the Soldiers graves in the town, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Albert F. Thompson.

" 15th Voted, To appropriate the money received for dog licenses, to the use of the public schools.

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Art. 17th Voted, To close the financial year in the future on the first of February and that the time of holding the annual Meeting be on the first Monday in March.

" 18th Voted, To raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, to procure a stone watering trough to be placed in the proper place on the highway near the Lexington line.

" 19th Voted, To refer this article to the Selectmen with full power to act;

" 19th Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to use the proceeds of the land and conveyance tax in the payment of the sinking portion of the town debt in his discretion, and be authorized to borrow money to pay this note in his discretion.

" 20th Voted, That this article be referred to the Selectmen and the Janitor of the Town Hall and that they be authorized to procure a stove to be placed in the ante room of the town hall.

" 21st Voted, To allow and that the sum of ten dollars for repairing the road leading from the South road to Wilson's the ensuing year.

" 22nd Voted, To allow the members of the Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, Six dollars each a year for their services.

" 23rd Voted, To refer this article to the School Committee with full power to act;

" 24th Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Town Meeting August 27th 1884

The following reports were presented and accepted, The Selectmens report on guide posts and boards; The Selectmens; Overseers of the Poor; Treasurer; and Town Clerks, as in the printed reports.
Committee on Pound; Committee on [illegible] & Libary Committee.

Chose William J. Stoddard to fill a vacancy in the committee on [illegible] caused by the death of Josiah A. Stearns.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest [illegible] Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex S.S.

Bedford September 8th 1884

We the Selectmen of the town of Bedford hereby certify that the petition a copy whereof is hereto annexed together with a map and profile thereof of the proposed route having been submitted to us on August 27th A.D. 1884 we thereupon appointed the Town Hall in said Bedford as the place and Monday the eighth day of September A.D. 1884 at half past two o'clock in the afternoon as the time for a hearing thereon that we gave notice of the said hearing by two publications of a notice thereof in the Lowell Journal a newspaper published in said County said publications being made on the 28th day of August and the 4th day of September respectively and said last publication being at least two days prior to said hearing and also by posting copies of a notice thereof at the Post Office, the Hotel and the Depot in said Bedford, being public places in said Bedford said notices being dated August 27th A.D. 1884 and posted on that day, being more than

two weeks before said hearing. Copies of said notices are annexed. We furthermore certify that a hearing was had thereon this day at the time and place before named and that upon said hearing we the Selectmen of Bedford do agree with the Directors of the Boston and Lowell Rail-road Corporation as to the route of the proposed branch of the rail-road of said Corporation through the town of Bedford as set forth in the petition and map submitted to us by said Corporation at the hearing this day.
Witness our hands this day and year first above mentioned.

Oliver J. Lane Nathan B. Smith Edwin H. Blake
Selectmen of Bedford.

To the Selectmen of the town of Bedford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation proposing to construct a branch railroad from the Middlesex Central Branch of said Corporation in said Bedford to the main line of said Corporation in Billerica in said County wishes to have the route of said proposed branch railroad fixed and established within the limits of said Bedford and respectfully represents that the proposed route of said proposed branch railroad in said town is as set forth and described in the map and report herewith submitted, signed Isaac M. Stone Civil Engineer.
And in order that said route may be fixed in said Bedford the Directors of said Corporation respectfully request your Honorable Board to fix a time and place for a hearing of all parties interested in the fixing of said route and notify all parties interested in said hearing that said route may be agreed upon by said Directors and your Honorable Board and fixed as provided in the fortieth section of the one hundred

and twelfth chapter of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth

Signed C. L. Mellen
Genl Supt.

Bedford Sept 8th 1884

Voted. That the Selectmen of Bedford do agree with the Directors of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation as to the route of the proposed branch of the railroad of said Corporation through Bedford as set forth in the petition and map submitted to them by said Corporation at the hearing this day.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 4th 1884

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the fourth day of Nov next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Presidential Electors, a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, Councillor for District No, Member of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Senator for Middlesex District, Representative in Congress from District No, County Commissioner for Middlesex County, Representative in General

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court from the 18th Middlesex District.
All on one ballot.
Also to act on the following articles of town affairs
Viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will accept of a list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

" 3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty (220.) dollars for the purchase of text-books and supplies in the public schools, and authorize the treasurer to borrow the amount for that purpose.

" 4th To see what action the town will take in relation to renewing the policy of insurance on the Town Hall.

" 5th To see if the town will vote to pay Mr. William Richard the sum of twenty five dollars for work on Carter's Bridge.

" 6th To see if the town will take measures to procure a road machine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred eighty four.

Oliver J. Page
Nathan A. Smith
Edwin H. Blake
} Selectmen of Bedford

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Middlesex S.S. Bedford Oct-27th 1884
This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same in the Town House and also one at the Post-Office being eight days at least before the said 4th day of November 1884 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting November 4th 1884

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows: The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers. The votes were received sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons: Viz:

For Presidential Electors at Large

Mark Hopkins of Williamstown	106 votes
Thomas Talbot of Billerica	106 "
Ira H. French of Gloucester	49 "
Reuben Noble of Westfield	49 "
John J. Baker of Beverly	12 "
Albion C. Drinkwater of Braintree	12 "
Robert C. Pitman of Newton	9 "
Moses H. Miner of Boston	9 "

Dist No 1

Azariah Eldridge of Yarmouth	[illegible] "
Hugh Delano of New Bedford	49 "
Thomas B. Chase of Warwick	[illegible] "
Charles Hong of New Bedford	[illegible] "

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Dist No 2

Sylvanus N. Staples	of Taunton	106 Votes
Bushrod Morse	of Sharon	49 "
William L. Langley	of Brockton	12 "
Thomas J. Loring	of Thomas	9 "

Dist No 3

Arthur W. Tufts	of Boston	106 "
Francis J. Otis	of Boston	49 "
James Sumner	of Milton	12 "
Eugene H. Cragin	of Boston	9 "

Dist No 4

Ebenezer H. Mcpherson	of Boston	106 "
Hugh H. Madden	of Boston	49 "
Dennis O. Reilly	of Boston	12 "
Israel S. Traflon	of Boston	9 "

Dist No 5

Samuel L. Montague	of Cambridge	106 "
Christopher E. Rymes	of Somerville	49 "
Pilman F. Jones	of Woburn	12 "
James H. Roberts	of Cambridge	9 "

Dist No 6

Ezra N. Stevens	of Malden	106 "
Knowles Freeman	of Chelsea	49 "
Henry Hastings	of Medford	12 "
George H. Harwood	of Lynn	9 "

Dist No 7

Daniel B. Hagar	of Salem	106 "
Francis J. Thompson	of Gloucester	49 "
Barry H. Ford	of Bradford	12 "
James J. H. Gregory	of Marblehead	9 "

Dist No 8

Charles A. Stott	of Lowell	106 "
John C. Lanborn	of Lawrence	49 "

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James H. Carmichael	of	Dowell	12 Votes
James R. Fellows	of	Dowell	9 "

Dist No 9

Lucius G. Hall	of	Newton	106 "
James E. Cotter	of	Hyde Park	47 "
Patrick J. Conway	of	Marlboro	12 "
Claudius B. Lawes	of	Natick	9 "

Dist No 10

Philip L. Moen	of	Worcester	106 "
Pedro Lincoln	of	Worcester	47 "
John Flint	of	Webster	12 "
Charles Heritage	of	Warren	9 "

Dist No 11

Eli A. Hubbard	of	Hatfield	106 "
Festus C. Currier	of	Pittsburg	47 "
William O. Crocker	of	Montague	12 "
Benjamin Snow	of	Pittsburg	9 "

Dist No 12

William S. Shurtleff	of	Springfield	106 "
Elisha B. Maynard	of	Springfield	47 "
William H. H. Allen	of	Chicopee	12 "
John Blackmer	of	Springfield	9 "

Governor

George L. Robinson	of	Chicopee	120 "
Mathew J. McCafferty	of	Worcester	10 "
Julius H. Seelye	of	Amherst	7 "
William C. Endicott	of	Salem	40 "

Lieutenant Governor

Oliver Ames	of	Easton	120 "
Albert R. Rice	of	Springfield	10 "
Henry H. Fagan	of	Dracut	7 "
Julius T. Crennell	of	Greenfield	40 "

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Secretary

Henry B. Vance	of	Abington	120 Votes
John F. Sweeney	of	Lawrence	10 "
George Simpson	of	Sharon	7 "
Jeremiah Lancey	of	Lowell	40 "

Treasurer

Daniel A. Gleason	of	Medford	120 "
Nathaniel C. Cushing	of	Middleboro	10 "
Charles B. Knight	of	Worcester	7 "
Charles Marsh	of	Springfield	40 "

Auditor

Charles R. Ladd	of	Springfield	120 "
Lucius M. Andrews	of	Danvers	10 "
William H. Sherman	of	Lowell	7 "
John Hopkins	of	Millbury	40 "

Attorney General

Edgar J. Sherman	of	Lawrence	120 "
Thomas N. Clarke	of	Boston	10 "
Samuel C. Fairfield	of	Malden	7 "
John W. Cummings	of	Fall River	40 "

Representative, 8th Congressional Dist.

Charles H. Allen	of	Lowell	118 "
Byron R. W. Eastman	of	Lawrence	10 "
John H. Reed	of	Lowell	7 "
Charles F. Lilley	of	Lowell	42 "

County Commissioner

J. Henry Read	of	Westford	120 "
Samuel Pitz-williams	of	Watertown	10 "
William S. Fuller	of	Lowell	7 "
William H. Hastings	of	Framingham	40 "

Councillor, 8th Dist.

Wesham B. Cotton	of	Winchester	120 "
Lewis Lawley	of	Lawrence	10 "

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George A. King	of	Concord	7 Votes
Thomas H. Hill	of	Woburn	40 "

Senator

John M. Harlow	of	Woburn	120 "
William F. Young	of	Wakefield	10 "
Henry Dummer	of	Stoneham	7 "
John M. Cole	of	Wakefield	40 "

Representative to General Court

Henry Wood	of	Bedford	65 "
William R. Hayden	of	Bedford	108 "
George W. Libby	of	Bedford	1 "

Town affairs

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Dane Moderator

" 2nd Voted: To accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen. The following is the list.
John Butterfield, John T. Boynton, Abram E. Brown, Lyman Cole, James Cavanagh, Henry Desmarais, Theodore C. Gardner, Henry A. Gleason, William H. Hudson, William J. Neville, Francis Redmond, Thos. F. Sampson, Luke M. Sofield, T. Mason Norton,

" 3rd Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars for the purchase of text books and supplies for the public schools; and the treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow the amount for that purpose.

" 5th Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 4th Voted: That the treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to make arrangement with the insurance agent for the renewal of the policy on the Town Hall.

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Art 6th Voted: To choose a committee of five to take this article into consideration and to report at the next March Meeting.
Voted: That the present Board of Selectmen with Albert S. Sampson and Charles H. Clark constitute said committee.

Whole number of names checked on the check-list: one hundred and seventy six, and one hundred and seventy seven ballots were found in the ballot box, and the register indicated one hundred and eighty six.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record

ATTEST Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 5th 1884

At a meeting of the Clerks of the representative District, the returns from the towns composing said district were presented as by law directed, and were for the following persons, namely:

	Henry Wood	William R. Hayden	George W. Libby	
Billerica	253	81		334
Lexington	324	149		473
Bedford	65	108	1	174
Burlington	40	51		91
	682	389	1	

ATTEST Lucius Parker Clerk of Billerica
Lionel A. Lovell " " Lexington
Chas A. Gray " Bedford
Samuel Lund " Burlington

A true record

ATTEST

Charles A. Gray
Town Clerk.

1885 Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 2nd

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Monday the 2nd day of March next at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art-1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To vote on the following question, viz:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford. Yes or No.

" 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1884-5.

" 5th To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the Roads & Bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is or may be in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year

" 8th To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed may use.

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Art. 9th To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th To see what measures the town will adopt for the ringing of a bell.

" 11th To see if the town will vote to extend the time for the construction of the Bedford and Billerica branch of the Boston and Lowell Railroad, three months.

" 12th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves in the town to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 14th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 15th To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last Nov meeting in relation to the expediency of procuring a road machine, and act on said report.

" 16th To see if the town will take any action in relation to fixing a price which the undertaker shall charge for the hearse, when let to any other town.

" 17th To see if the town will take any action in relation to fixing the pay of the members of the fire department, and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry into effect such action.

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Art 18th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the support of a public telephone in the town.

" 19th To see if the town will take any action in relation to lighting streets in the town.

" 20th To see if the town will take any action in relation to the erection of a suitable building at the town farm for a grain loft &c.

" 21st To see if the town will instruct the school committee to procure the services of a person to have the supervision of the schools.

" 22nd To see if the town will allow interest on the sum of one hundred dollars, the same being a legacy bequeathed to the town of the will of the late Betsey J. Williams, and deposited with the town treasurer March 1st 1897 by Florianna Wright executrix of said will, the income of said sum to be used for the care of the burial lot in Sebowisheu Cemetery, owned by the late Elbridge W. Stevens.

" 23rd To see if the town will vote to finish the engine room by sheathing the ceiling and walls of the same, or do any thing relating to the same.

" 24th To see what measures the town will take in relation to grading the schools.

" 25th By request of C. L. Wall, To see if the town will allow him the sum of ten dollars a year until further notice, to keep in repair the avenue leading from Wall street past his house. Also, to see if the town will take any action in relation to establishing the line between the gravel pit and land of said C. L. Wall on South Street.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to the Clerk of said town with your doings thereon on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 20th day of Feb A.D. 1885.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan S. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

Bedford Feb 21st 1885.

Middlesex S.S.

This notifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office being eight days at least before the said 2nd day of March 1885 as within directed.

Emerson S. Butler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 2nd 1885.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Chose Charles A. Gray } Town Clerk & Treasurer.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan S. Smith } Selectmen & Assessors.
Edwin H. Blake

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Art 2nd

Charles H. Wood[S], Henry Desmarais[S], Frederic Davis[S] — Overseers of Poor

Emerson B. Cutter[S], Jonas Melvin[S] — Constables

Thomas C. Cutter[S] — Collector of Taxes

William A. Lane[S], John T. Boynton[S], Wm J. Shoddard[S] — Fence Viewers

Charles H. Wood[S], Michael McMahon[S], Frank T. Hill[S], Henry Huckins[S], Nathan B. Smith[S] — Field driver

Abram E. Brown — School Committee for three years.

J. N. Hartwell — Funeral Undertaker

Chas L. Flint — Pound keeper

Jos H. Goodwin, J. N. Hartwell, Lyman Cole — Cemetery Committee

Jos H. Goodwin, Moses B. Hibbs — Auditors

Chas H. Clark[S], Oliver J. Lane[S], Chas C. Corey[S], Chas A. Corey[S], Emerson C. Cutter[S], Daniel E. Haynes — Surveyors of Lumber

Chas H. Wood — Surveyor of Highway

Seward S. Chase[S], Wm G. Hartwell[S], Chas C. Corey[S], Wm A. Lane[S], Chas H. Clark[S], Jonas B. Cutter, Chas A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes, Edward J. Hartwell, Moses B. Hibbs[S] — Surveyors of Lumber

Chas H. Clark, Chas C. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes — Inspectors of Grain

Samuel L. Lane — Janitor of Town Hall

Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith, Edwin H. Blake — Inspectors of Town Town Clerk

Chas J. Bacon, Francis Rodman, J. T. Simpson, Henry Hoar, Sam L. Lane — Committee on Time

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Art 3rd Voted. To grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor. Yes 55. No 28.

" 4th Voted. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money. Viz:—

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For Schools	2300.00
" Roads & Bridges	1400.00
" Sidewalks	100.00
" Incidentals & Snow	1000.00
" Support of Poor	1000.00
" Interest, the unexpended balance of 1884 &	800.00
" Town debt, the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1884	
" Fire department	300.00
" Library	125.00
" Deficiencies all unexpended balances of the appropriations for 1884 not otherwise appropriated and	250.00
" School supplies and text-books	200.00
" Carlisle bridge deficiency	432.20

" 5th Voted. To adopt the same method as last year for the repair of roads and bridges and that the money raised for the same be expended in the several districts as follows. Dis No 1, 40 per cent; No 2, 10 per cent; No 3, 10 per cent; No 4, 15 per cent; No 5, 20 per cent; No 6, 5 per cent; also that the tax payers in the seven districts be allowed to work out their taxes in their own district, provided that they will do a good day's work at the time and place the surveyor may designate.

" 6th Voted, To appropriate the money received for bank and corporation taxes to the payment of the town debt.

" 7th Voted that the compensation of the collector

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Art. 7th of taxes, and the time and manner of collecting the taxes be the same as adopted last year.

" 8th Voted. To authorize the collector of taxes, to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th Voted. That the treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expences, or to pay any part of the town debt that may be called for.

" 10th Voted. To refer this article to the selectmen.

" 11th Voted. To extend the time for the construction of the Bedford and Billerica branch of the Boston and Lowell Railroad three months.

" 12th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the benefit of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 13th Voted. To refer this article to the selectmen.

" 13th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town; to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

" 14th Voted. That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the schools.

" 15th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of procuring a road machine and that the committee are hereby authorized to examine and purchase such machine.

" 17th Voted. To pay the members of the fire

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Art. 17th department at the rate of six dollars a year, for such time as they may serve in said department

" 18th Voted. To indefinitely postpone the article.

" 19th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of lighting the streets.

" 20th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the erection of a suitable building at the town farm for a grain loft &c. to be expended under the direction of the selectmen and overseers.

" 21st Voted. To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 22nd Voted. To accept the legacy of one hundred dollars bequeathed to the town by the will of the late Rufus T. Storrs, and to allow interest on the same at the rate of five per cent per annum, said interest to be expended for the care of the burial lot in Shawsheen Cemetery, owned by the late Gilbert T. Storrs.

" 23rd Voted. To refer this article to the selectmen with instructions to report at a future meeting.

" 24th Voted. That the two schools in the centre district be divided into primary, intermediate, and advanced departments; with a prescribed course of study for each department. The course of study for the advanced department to include the English branches usually taught in the first and second years of a high school course. The studies in the several outer districts shall be confined to the primary and intermediate grades, and when scholars

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Art. 24th in these schools become qualified they shall be admitted to the advanced department in the centre district school. The school year for study to commence with the fall term.
That in the centre district the primary department be taught in the present primary school room, and the intermediate and advanced department be taught in the present grammar schoolroom with a recitation room provided for their use, and that an assistant teacher be employed. That a committee be chosen to act with the school committee in grading the schools and preparing the course of study. Chosen for said committee Rev George F. Piper, Marcus B. Webber and William A. Caley.
Voted. That the selectmen be instructed to provide said recitation room.

" 25th Voted. To allow C. L. Wait ten dollars a year until further notice, to keep in repair the avenue leading from South Street past his house, and to indefinitely postpone the remainder of this article.

Voted. To accept the reports of the several town officers that appear in the printed report to the town, also the report of the committee on picnic, the report of the selectmen on guide boards and posts, and the library report, and that the same be placed on file

Voted. To extend a vote of thanks for their faithful discharge of duty to the committee on Guide Boards and moderator of this meeting.

Voted. To adjourn.

A true record.

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 23rd 1885 Warrant

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford:- Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday the 23rd day of May inst. at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd " To see if the town will allow and accept the report of the Selectmen of the laying out by them as a town way, and as a part of the public highway now adjoining thereto, a certain triangular parcel of land near the junction of South Street and Eastern Avenue called also "Lawrence Street", as shown on the plan filed with the Town Clerk on the 22nd day of April A.D. 1885.

" 3rd " To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to grade and fence said parcel, and to construct suitable approaches to the new location of the R.R. Station in Bedford, and defray any other expenses connected therewith.

" 4th. To see if the town will vote to petition the County Commissioners to lay out a highway in the town of Lexington, from near the town line on the "Shaw road" so called, to the house of the Simpsons.

" 5th " To see if the town will take a further appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars, for a building at the town farm, or do any thing relating to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same

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at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 15th day of May A.D. 1885.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford

Middlesex S.S. Bedford May 16th 1885

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, being seven days at least before the said 23rd day of May as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy.

Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Town Meeting May 23rd 1885

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane moderator.

" 2nd. Voted, That the report of the Selectmen in relation to the laying out of a parcel of land, at the corner of South Street and Eastern Avenue as a part of the public highway be accepted and followed.

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Art 3rd Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) for the purpose asked for in this article, and that twenty five dollars ($25.00) of the same be expended to defray the expense incurred by Wallace G. Webber in procuring a plan of the same, and of the grounds of the R. R. Station.

" 4th Voted, That a committee of three be chosen to take into consideration this article, and report at a future meeting. Chos Henry Wood Nathan B. Smith and Elbridge G. Lennie.

" 5th Voted. Not to raise money as asked for in this article. Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Way

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex S. S.

To the inhabitants of Bedford.

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of Bedford propose to lay out as a town way and as a portion of the public highways now adjoining thereto a certain triangular parcel of land in said Bedford near the junction of South Street and Lennie St [called Eastern Avenue in the plan hereinafter referred to] and bounded and described as follows, beginning on South St at land of Wallace A. Cook, thence running southeasterly by said Cook's land and following a curved line equal to a segment of the circumference of a circle whose radius is a line forty six and seventy five one hundredths feet long [and whose convexity is towards the southwest] eighty one 7th [81 7th] feet to said Lennie St, thence running by said Lennie St fifty five and nine tenths feet to South St, thence

running N 22° 33' west fifty four and nine tenths feet to the point of beginning; being a tract of land recently conveyed by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to the Inhabitants of Bedford upon certain conditions named in the deed of said corporation. For a more particular description thereof reference is had to a plan thereof filed in the Town Clerk's office entitled "plan of land in Bedford Mass., dated March 7th A. D. 1885"

And that said parcel will be laid out as a town way as proposed on Wednesday April 22nd 1885 at a meeting of the Selectmen at the Town Clerks office at 9 o'clock A. M.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Edwin H. Blake
} Selectmen of Bedford

Bedford April 22nd 1885.

In accordance with the foregoing notice the Selectmen met at the Town Clerks office at 9 o'clock A. M. There being no objection made the aforesaid parcel of land was therefore declared by them to be laid out as a part of the public highways.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Edwin H. Blake
} Selectmen of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the third day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and then and there to vote on the following articles, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, as follows,

Also to vote to the Constitution, Also to vote For a Governor and Lieutenant=Governor for the Commonwealth, Councillor for District No 6, Senator for the Commonwealth, Sheriff and Register of Deeds, Representative to the General Court, Clerk of the Courts, Registrar of Deeds, Treasurer, Sheriff, Commissioner of Insolvency, Clerk of the Courts for the Eastern District of Middlesex, County Commissioner for Middlesex Co, A Special County Commissioner to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Lucretia M. Hosmer, Also to vote for Register of Deeds for the Eastern District of Middlesex, Also to vote for Delegates to the General Court for District No 18- All the above officers to be on one ballot=

Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs Viz:-

1st To see if the Town will vote to grant a Hall free of rent for the use of the Public Schools, and make such alterations as may be necessary to use the present Grammar School Rooms for recitation rooms-

2nd To see if the Town will accept a list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen-

3rd To see what action the town will take for the removal of the Public Schools from the Grammar School Building to the Lawrence District for the ensuing school year, and make such alterations as may be necessary to use the present Grammar School Rooms for recitation rooms-

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Art. 5th By request of Mathew Pettibone, to see if the town will accept the street as laid out and kept by him through his land.

" 5th To see if the town will join with the town of Lexington in petitioning the Legislature to lay out a town or public highway the old road from Bedford to Lexington.

" 6th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expense of a culvert on the Spring road, as directed by the Selectmen, and authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for the same.

" 7th By request of Amos B. Cutler and others, To see if the town of Bedford will appropriate the stone roller for the dark part of a monument to be set on the Bedford "Common" in "Wilson Park" in said town, and if so, how much, and if any, how much of the hundred dollars to finish the same according to a plan made for that purpose by A. B. Cutler, or do anything respecting the same.

" 8th To see if the town will purchase of "H. G. [illegible] of Lowell near the R. R. station [illegible] Lowell R. R. Co, now on file in the Town Clerk's office, and appropriate twenty five dollars for that purpose.

And you are directed to [illegible] and post up attested copies of this warrant in the Post Office [illegible] days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

[illegible] warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen of Bedford at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bedford in the County of Middlesex this twenty fourth day of October A. D. 1885. Oliver Lane [illegible] Selectmen of Bedford.

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Middlesex ss. Bedford October 24th 1885

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same in the town house adjacent to the Post Office in said town on the day and before the said 3rd day of November as within directed.

Emerson B. Green constable of Bedford -

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

[illegible] that the polls be open and County [illegible]. The votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons, Viz:-

Amendment to the Constitution Art. 9, No 1.

For Governor

George D. Robinson of Chicopee	Seventy three	(73)	Votes
Frederick O. Prince of Boston	Sixty two	(62)	"

Lieutenant Governor

[illegible] of Boston	Seventy one	(71)	"
Henry H. Gilmore of Cambridge	Sixty four	(64)	"

Secretary

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	Seventy two	(72)	"
Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell	Sixty three	(63)	"

Treasurer

Hosea M. Ward of Boston	Seventy two	(72)	"
Henry H. [illegible] of Roxbury	Sixty two	(62)	"

Auditor

[illegible] of Springfield	Seventy two	(72)	"
[illegible] of Boston	Sixty two	(62)	"

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Attorney-General

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence Seventy two (72) Votes
Henry K. Braley of Fall River Thirty three (33) "

County Treasurer

[illegible] of Somerville [illegible] (71) "
John M. Cale of Wakefield Thirty-four (34) "

County Commissioner

[illegible] of Cambridge [illegible] "
Alpheus R. Brown of Somerville Fifty two (52) "

Special County Commissioner

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] (72) "
Lewis P. True of Everett Thirty three (33) "

Register of Deeds

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge Seventy two (72) "

Councillor 6th District

[illegible] of Winchester [illegible] (72) "
Nathaniel P. H. Melvin of Lawrence Thirty three (33) "

Senator 6th District

John M. Harlow of Woburn Seventy two (72) "
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] (35) "

Representative to General Court

[illegible] of Billerica [illegible] (35) "
Joseph Holt of Billerica Thirty five (35) "

Town Officers

Art 1st Chose Oliver G. Dane Moderator

" 2nd Voted to accept the following list of Jurors as presented by the Selectmen and amended by the town – Albert T. Bacon, Thomas Clark, George P. Davis, Charles E. Gragg, Henry A. Gleason,

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Art-2nd Irving L. Hodgdon, Dudley Hartford, William H. Hughes, Edward A. Keene, Joel B. Lane, William H. Hodge, F. Lyman Deason, George H. Ricker, Charles H. Wood, Abram E. Brown-

" 3rd Voted. That a committee of three be chosen by the chair to take into consideration this article and report at a future town meeting. also to ascertain the probable expense of moving the South school house to the center district, the expense of providing recitation room in the present building, and the expense of a new building suitable for the purpose. Chose M. B. Webber N. B. Smith and C. H. Clark-

4th Voted. To indefinately postpone this article.

" 5th Voted. To indefinately postpone this article-

" 6th Voted. To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) to defray the expense of blasting stone on Spring Street, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the same-

" 7th Voted, To appropriate the stone roller for the purpose asked for in this article, and that a committee be chosen to take this article into consideration and to report at the next March Meeting - Chose Charles W. Jenks, Elihu G. Lewis, Edwin H. Burke, Abram E. Brown, Wallace G. Webber, Lyman Page, James B. Butler,

" 8th Voted, To appropriate the sum of twenty five (25) dollars for the purpose asked for in this article -

The committee on Brother Rocks presented their report which was accepted by the town. Voted to adjourn-

Attest Abram E. Brown Town Clerk

Clerk's Meeting Nov 4th 1885

This certifies that the whole number of ballots cast for Representative to the General Court for District No 18 in the towns of Billerica Lexington Bedford and Burlington were for the following persons, Viz;

Billerica	for Tunkin	for	111	for	Hoyt	55
Lexington	"	"	" 227	"	"	85
Bedford	"	"	" 70	"	"	35
Burlington	"	"	" 26	"	"	32
			414			251

Attest

Dudley Vosier } Clerk of the town of Billerica
Leonard Saville } " " " " " Lexington
Charles A. Corey } " " " " " Bedford
Samuel Sewall } " " " " " Burlington

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the first day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To vote on the following question, Viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes, or No.

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Art. 1st To see what sum of money it may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same; also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1885-6.

" 2d To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

" 3d To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is, or may be in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt;

" 4th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes and fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 5th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

" 6th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 7th To see what measures the town will adopt for the ringing of a bell.

" 8th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 9th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

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Art. 13th. To see what disposition the town will make of the Elbridge W. Stearns fund now lying in the treasury.

" 14th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 15th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the town meeting held March 7th 1883, relative to the South School House, and for procuring more ample accommodations for the wants of the town of Acton, and to act on said report.

" 16th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the care and lighting of street lamps.

" 17th. To see if the town will pay to S. S. Chase the sum of [illegible] dollars [illegible] for [illegible] in 1884.

" 18th. To see if the town will allow the use of the Town Hall free of expense to citizens of the town, for meetings held in the interest of scientific, educational and agricultural persons.

" 19th. To see if the town will procure a set of travers curtains [illegible] the Hall [illegible].

" 20th. To see if the town will [illegible] of the [illegible] of Lexington) under direction of the Selectmen in the year 1874.

" 21st. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars, to be expended on improvements in the old cemetery.

" 22nd. To see if the town will vote to give the Public Monument Association the gift of their lots in

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Art. 22 Shall the Selectmen as they need see, on condition that the Memorial Column, or Curbing shall never be removed from the same.

" 23 To see if the town will vote to fix the amount of pay of the Stewards of the engine and hose and ladder companies shall each receive for their services.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and at the Post Office in said town at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1886.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Edwin H. [illegible]
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Bedford February 20th 1886

Middlesex S.S.

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and Same at the Post Office, being eight days at least before the said 1st day of March 1886 as within directed.

Emerson B. Butler Constable of Bedford.

A true copy, Attest

[illegible]

Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 1st 1880

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met at Lockport in the matters and Voted therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator

2nd Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk — Samuel Keeler

Oliver J. Lane	Selectmen & Assessors	Charles H. Wood	Sealers of Leather
Nathan B. Smith		Michael McMahan	
Edwin H. Blake		Frank L. Fitch	Drivers
		Henry Hanekin	
Charles H. Wood	Overseers of Poor	Nathan B. Smith	
Henry Lasmazer			
Fredrie Davis		Charles H. Clark	
		Oliver J. Lane	Surveyors of Lumber
Charles A. Corey	Treasurer	Charles C. Corey	
		Charles A. Corey	
Abbie C. Clark	School Committee	Emerson B. Critter	
		Daniel E. Haynes	
Thomas C. Critter	Collector		
		Seward S. Chase	
Emerson B. Critter	Constables	William H. Mudge	
Jonas Melvin		Charles C. Corey	
		William A. Lane	
Charles H. Wood	Highway Surveyor	Charles H. Clark	Wood
		Amos B. Critter	
[illegible]	Pound Keeper	Charles C. Corey	Fence
		Daniel E. Haynes	
Samuel L. Lane	Sealer of Tanners Hides	Edwin A. Hartwell	
		Edwin H. Blake	
William A. Lane	Fence Viewers		
John T. Lapham		Charles H. Clark	Weighers of Grain
Jonas Melvin		Charles C. Corey	
		Daniel E. Haynes	
Joseph H. Goodwin	Cemetery Committee		
O. Newton Hartwell			
[illegible]			

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" 2nd	Hon. Oliver G. Lane	Appraisers	Albert F. Bacon
	[illegible] B. Smith	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			Henry Wood
	Wallace G. Webber	Auditor	Samuel L. Lane
	Joseph H. Goodwin		

" 3rd In answer to the question; Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? The town voted as follows; Whole number of votes cast 100; Yes 53, No 47.

" 4th Voted; To raise and appropriate the following sums of money, viz:-

	For Schools [illegible] dollars	2500.00
	" Repairs [illegible] hundred dollars	300.00
	" Salaries [illegible] dollars	1900.00
	" Fuel [illegible] dollars	[illegible]
	" Incidentals [illegible] dollars	800.00
✓	" Support of Poor twelve hundred dollars	1200.00
✓	" Interest on town debt; the money spended	
✓	balances of 1880 and eight hundred dollars	800.00
✓	" Fire Department three hundred dollars	300.00
✓	" Deficiencies five hundred dollars	500.00

" 5th Voted; That the [illegible] adopted by the town in the year 1876; and that the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges, be expended in the several districts as follows; district No 1 (Centre) 40 per cent; district No 2 (South) 10 per cent; district No 3 (West) 10 per cent; district No 4 (North) 15 per cent; district No 5 [illegible] per cent; district No 6 (Shirley) 5 per cent; that the Surveyor of highways be instructed to employ men and teams [illegible] where the work is to be performed [illegible] necessary.

" 6th Voted; That the money received from the banks and corporations be appropriated

[illegible] 1885

Art. 6th. for the payment of town debts.

" 7th. Voted; That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the years 1878 & 80. That the compensation of the Collector of taxes be one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the town treasury.

" 8th. Voted; That the Collector of taxes be, and hereby is authorized, to use all means for the collection of [illegible] which the town [illegible] appointed collector may use.

" 9th. Voted; That the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized, to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses [illegible] may be called for.

" 10th. Voted; That this article in relation to the ringing of a bell, be referred to the Selectmen with full power to act.

" 11th. Voted; That the town do raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library, to be expended under the direction of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation $125.00

" 12th. Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers' graves in the town; to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. $25.00

" 13th. Voted; That the [illegible] be [illegible] to consider in the town [illegible] action of the town concerning it; as the nucleus of a fund to be devoted to the erection of a fire proof [illegible] building [illegible]

13th be added thereto at the rate of five per cent, per annum; and that such gifts as may from time to time be made to the town for the purpose of a Library building, be added thereto

" 14th Voted: That the money received from dog licenses be appropriated for the benefit of the Public Schools.

" 15th Voted: To accept the report of the Committee appointed by the town November 3rd 1885 [illegible] and for procuring more ample accomodations [illegible] town.

Voted: To adopt that portion of the report, which refers to building an addition of fifteen feet to the rear of the Town House; [illegible] to take this matter into consideration and to report [illegible] relation to town enhancement. [illegible] to this committee the power of selectmen and school committee [illegible] Clerk.

" 16th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars [illegible] the [illegible] of steel lamps $150.00

" 17th [illegible] postpone this article.

" 18th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 19th Voted: [illegible] the sum of thirty-five dollars for the purpose of procuring a set of traverse runners on which to fix the hearse when necessary; to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen $35.00

Town Meeting March 1st 1875

Art 20th Voted: To pay the bill of $11.50 presented to the town by F. A. Cutter, for repairs on carriage under the direction of the Selectmen for the year 1874. $11.50

" 21st Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars, to be expended on improvements in the Old Cemetery, to be expended under the direction of Mr Abram E. Brown. $ 25.00

" 22nd Voted: To accept from the Soldiers Memorial Association the gift of their lots in Shawsheen Cemetery, as they now are, on condition that the Memorial Column or Curbing, shall never be removed from the same.

" 23rd Voted: That the compensation of the Steward of the hook and ladder company be fifteen dollars in addition to his annual pay as a member of said company; and that the Steward of the engine company receive twenty five dollars in addition to his annual pay as a member of said company for his services.

Voted: To accept and adopt the following resolution, presented by Mr A. S. Sampson. Resolved; That all bills against the town of Bedford be paid by orders drawn by the Selectmen on the Town Treasurer, payable to the person or persons to whom the same is due; and that all bills against the Town shall be approved by the officer or officers contracting the same; and that all money due the town be paid into the treasury by the officers of the town responsible therefor; and that the Treasurer credit the same to the appropriations for said departments.

Town Meeting March 1st 1886

Voted: To accept and adopt the following resolution:- Resolved: That it is important for the future of this town that a competant person be employed to appear in behalf of the town, to defend its interests, against all [illegible] the same; [illegible] a meeting of the Committee on Water Supply to be held on the 9th of March inst. at room 14 State House at [illegible] P.M. Voted: That a committee be chosen to appear in behalf of the town.- Chose for said committee, Elihu G. Loomis and Thomas B. Hosmer.-

Voted: To accept and place on file the reports of the following town officers:- Reports of the Selectmen; Treasurer; Town Clerk; [illegible] of the Trustees of Town Hall; School Committee; Selectmen report on Guide Posts and Boards; Committee on Cemeteries; Committee on Wilson Park; Committee on Public Library

Voted: To adjourn to Monday March 15th at 7.30 P.M.-

Adjourned Meeting March 15th 1886

The town met agreeable to adjournment.-

The Committee chosen under article 15th made a verbal report on the same.- and a motion to accept the report was had.-
A motion to indefinately postpone this article was not sustained by the meeting.-
[illegible] the motion to indefinately postpone this article at the regular meeting, March [illegible] was [illegible].-
Voted: To indefinately postpone the further consideration of this article.-

Town Meeting March 1st 1880

Voted: That the town extend a vote of thanks to Mr & Mrs Fletcher for the generous offer made by them to the town.

Voted: That the money appropriated for the care and lighting of street lamps, be expended under the direction of the Bedford Improvement Society.

Voted to adjourn

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 1st 1880

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the town hall in said Bedford on Thursday the 1st day of July at nine o'clock A.M. there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at the said meeting

" 2nd To see if the town will vote to cover the sidewalks on the [illegible] and the Railroad Station with asphaltum, or do anything in relation to the same-

" 3rd To see if the town will vote to construct and [illegible] side of Main Street between the [illegible]

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beyond the store of E. F. Spalding, or do any thing in relation to the same.

Art. 15th To see what means the town will adopt for raising and paying the sum of money that may be appropriated under the preceding articles or either of them.

" 16th To see if the town will vote to pay a bill of $17.50 held by the late Isaac P. Bacon against Otis Wentworth, principal due on a certain for said Wentworth of Lexington in the year 1877.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office seven days before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk on or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 25th day of June A.D. 1886

Lewis F. Pope } Selectmen
William H. Ely } of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford June 25th 1886

I hereby certify that I have this day served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office seven days at least previous to the 12th day of July inst. as within directed.

Francis H. Carter, Constable of Bedford,
Office of
Chief Justice of Peace for Middlesex.

Town Meeting July 1st 1886

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the town will construct an asphaltum or concrete sidewalk on the East side of South Street, between Main Street and the Railroad Station provided the abutters or other parties interested will defray one half of the expenses of the same outside of their respective estates the town to pay the whole expense of said sidewalk at the street crossings and at the Town House, and the whole expense thereof to the town not to exceed three hundred dollars ($300.) The same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

" 3rd Voted: That the town will construct an asphaltum or concrete sidewalk on Main Street between the Northwest corner of the common and the sidewalk already existing beyond the store of C. E. Pollard Esq. provided that the expense thereof shall not exceed one hundred dollars ($100.) The same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

" 4th Voted: That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of money appropriated under the preceding articles.

" 5th Voted: That the Selectmen do pay the bill of $14.37 held by the late Isaac A. Bacon against Otis Wentworth for repairs done on a carriage for said Wentworth in the year 1874, and that the same be paid from the appropriation for incidental expenses.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 2nd 1885

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford;

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 2nd day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and they may be closed at 7 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary a Treasurer and Receiver General, an Auditor of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for district No 6, Attorney General, a Senator for district No 5, a District Attorney, a Sheriff for Middlesex Co. a Representative to Congress for district No 8, a Clerk of Courts, a County Commissioner, for Commissioner of Insolvency Special County Commissioner, a Representative to the General Court for district No 19, all on one ballot;

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To act on a list of names as jurors presented by the Selectmen for acceptance by the town.

" 3rd. To hear the report of the Selectmen relating to the claim of Town Way through land of Lucius C. Walker and Samuel Davis, and act on the said report.

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Art 4th To see if the town will vote to adopt the Betterment Law in addition to the construction of sidewalks in the town.

Art 5th To see if the town will vote to purchase any leading hose for the fire engine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the town house, and in the post office, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred eighty six.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Edwin H. Blake
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss. Bedford Oct 23 1886

Then I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the town hall, and also one at the Post-office, being eight days at least before the said 2nd day of November within limited.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Emerson Cutter
John Clark.

Town Meeting Nov. 2nd 1886

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows: The selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers. The votes were received, sorted and counted by the selectmen, and public declaration made thereof in open town meeting, and were for the following persons Viz:-

For Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton	Ninety six	(96)
John R. Andrew of Boston	Forty four	(44)
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton	Two	(2)

Lieutenant Governor

John D. A. Bracketts of Boston	Ninety six	(96)
Frank R. Foster of Haverhill	Forty three	(43)
John Blackmer of Springfield	Two	(2)

Secretary

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	Ninety six	(96)
John C. Thayer of Worcester	Forty four	(44)
George Hampton of Sharon	Two	(2)

Treasurer

Hanson W. Beard of Boston	Ninety six	(96)
Lewis Warner of Northampton	Forty four	(44)
John L. Wilton of Lee	Two	(2)

Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	Ninety six	(96)
William T. Cook of "	Forty four	(44)
William H. Sherman of Lowell	Two	(2)

Attorney General

Edgar D. Sherman of Lawrence	Ninety six	(96)
John W. Corcoran of Clinton	Forty four	(44)
Samuel H. Fairfield of Malden	Two	(2)

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For Representative in Congress

Charles H. Allen	of Lowell	Ninety eight	(98)
John J. Donovan	of "	Forty three	(43)

County Commissioner

William L. Pratt	of Marlborough	Ninety six	(96)
Ruel Williams	of Acton	Forty four	(44)

Special County Commissioners

Lymon Dike	of Stoneham	Ninety six	(96)
Edward E. Thompson	of Woburn	" "	(96)
Lewis R. True	of Everett	Forty four	(44)
Clement Meserve	of Hopkinton	" "	(44)

Sheriff

Henry P. Cushing	of Lowell	One hundred & forty	(140)

District Attorney

William P. Adams	of Stoneham	Ninety six	(96)
Charles S. Lincoln	of Somerville	Forty four	(44)

Clerk of Courts

Theodore C. Hurd	of Cambridge	One hundred & forty	(140)

Commissioners of Insolvency

Frederic T. Greenhalge	of Lowell	Ninety six	(96)
John G. Kennedy	of Newton	" "	(96)
George J. Burns	of Ayer	" "	(96)
Edward A. McKey	of Lowell	Forty four	(44)
John W. Allard	of Cummington	" "	(44)
Richard J. McKeigue	of Cambridge	" "	(44)

Councillor

Francis Jewett	of Lowell	Ninety six	(96)
Nathaniel H. Morison	of Lawrence	Forty four	(44)

Senator

Lyman J. Pelts	of Hudson	Ninety six	(96)
Thomas H. Hill	of Woburn	Forty four	(44)

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For Representative to General Court-
Henry L. Hosmer of Lincoln Ninety six (96)
Cordelia Huntington of E. Lexington Forty three (43)

Town affairs

Oct 12th Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator-

" 2nd Voted: That the following list of jurors be accepted by the town-
Abram E. Bacon John T. Boynton
Fred Davis Henry H. Eaustein
David L. W. Fitch Charles L. Flint
Edwin S. Hartwell Max B. Johnson
James Kavanagh Samuel L. Lane
Simon L. Lund Charles F. Lessey
Frank H. Rowe Merton Simonds
Albert P. Sampson-

" 3rd Voted: That the report of the Selectmen in relation to the laying out of a highway be accepted and allowed-

" 4th Voted: That the town do adopt the provisions of sections 22 and 23. of Chapter 50. of the Public Statutes-

" 5th Voted: That the town do purchase one hundred feet of hose for the fire engine; and that the selectmen be and hereby are authorized to purchase the same-

Voted to adjourn-

A true record

Attest Charles N. Bixby
Town Clerk.

Meeting of Town Clerks. Nov 3rd 1886

This certifies that the whole number of ballots cast in Representative District No 19. for Representative to the General Court, were for the following persons, viz:-

Henry J. Hosmer of Concord	Cornelius Wellington of E. Lexington	Herbert L. Lane of Lincoln	
242	126		Lexington
318	139		Concord
96	43		Bedford
76	25	1	Lincoln
37	40		Burlington
769	373	1	

Leonard N. Lovett	Town Clerk	of	Lexington
Geo Heywood	"	"	" Concord
Charles A. Corey	"	"	" Bedford
James L. Chapin	"	"	" Lincoln
Samuel Sewall	"	"	" Burlington

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex. S.S.

A To the inhabitants of Bedford and all others interested. Notice is hereby given that we the Selectmen of said Bedford have laid out and do hereby a certain parcel of land being a strip extending from Main Street to Loomis Street in said Bedford, bounded and described as follows; beginning at Main Street at the northeast corner of lot two as shown on a plan entitled "plan of land in Bedford Mass, owned by W. S. Webber and Samuel Davis" dated June 1st A.D. 1886, and recorded in the Town Clerk's office, said Bedford herein; thence running southerly on said lot two forty feet; thence turning at right angles to said Main Street and running westerly one hundred and eighty five feet; thence following a curved line as shown on said plan twenty seven feet to a point in the northerly line of said Loomis Street; thence running southwesterly on said Loomis Street to a point in the northerly line of said lot two one hundred and fifty two feet from the point of beginning; thence

on a line parallel with the easterly line of said proposed way to the point of beginning.
And that said parcel will be laid out as a town way as proposed on Wednesday October 20th next, at a meeting of the Selectmen at the above described premises in said Bedford at 9 o'clock A. M.

Oliver P. Lane
Nathan D. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

Bedford Oct. 12th 1886.

Bedford Oct. 12th 1886

We the undersigned comprising all the owners and persons interested in the land over which such within described way is proposed to be laid out, hereby acknowledge due service of the within notice.
W. C. Weber M. L. Moulton Samuel Davis
E. K. Champney E. G. Price.
True copy Attest Charles A. Coney Town Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex S. S. Bedford October 20th 1886

To the inhabitants of Bedford.

On the day and date above written and pursuant to the notice hereunto annexed marked "A" which notice we have caused to be served by delivering a copy thereof to Wallace C. Weber and Samuel Davis, the owners of the land over which such way is proposed to be laid out, each in person, and by posting up a copy of the same in the Post-Office in said Bedford, on the eleventh day of October A. D. 1886, being more than seven days before the date hereof, due service of said notice also having been acknowledged by Edward G. Price, E. K. Champney, and M. L. Moulton, comprising all parties having possible easements in said land hereinafter described, we the Selectmen of said Bedford do hereby lay out as a town way in said Bedford the hereinafter described land, the bounds and measurements of which are as follows, namely

A certain parcel of land, being a strip extending from Main Street to Lorne Street in said Bedford, bounded and described as follows:- beginning at Main Street at the north east corner of lot two, as shown on a plan entitled "plan of land in Bedford Mass owned by W. G. Webber and Samuel Lewis" dated June 14th 1886, and recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of said Bedford herewith: thence running easterly on said Main Street forty feet; thence turning at right angles to said Main Street and running south westerly six hundred and sixty five and 65/100 feet; thence following a curved line as shown on said plan twenty seven and 55/100 feet; to a point in the northerly line of said Lorne Street; thence running south westerly on said Lorne Street to a point in the northerly line thereof distant seven hundred and fifty two and 85/100 feet from the point of beginning; thence running by a line parallel with the easterly line of said proposed Street to the point of beginning. And we make said map above referred to a part of this report.

Oliver J. Lorne
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford: Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Monday the seventh day of March next, at 9 o'clock A.M., then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd. To vote on the following question, viz:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.

" 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same; also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1886-87.

" 5th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th. To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is in the treasury or may be, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th. To determine the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their Collector

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Art. 8th. of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th. To see what measures the town will adopt for the singing of a bell.

" 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 12th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 13th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps.

" 15th. By request: To see if the town will increase the pay of laborers on the highways.

" 16th. By request: To see if the town will cause such obstructions such as wood, lumber, stone, etc, to be removed from highways, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 17th. To see if the town will offer any inducement to any manufacturer to locate his business in the

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Art. 17th town, by exempting the property of such person from taxation for a term of years.

" 18th By request of S. T. Lund and five others; To see what action the town will take in regard to a School Committee holding the place of Committee and Teacher in the schools, Also to see what action the town will take in regard to procuring an assistant teacher for school in the west district.

" 19th By request of C. L. Wait: To see if the town will accept the road leading from his house to Lexington line, or do any thing relating to the same.

" 20th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding $500. for the purpose of concreting sidewalks, provided the abutters will assume one half of the expense of the same.

" 21st By request of Joshua Jackson. To see if the town will vote to remove the culvert across the highway near his house, so that the depth of the same may be sufficient to prevent the overflowing of his land.

" 22nd To see if the town will appoint a committee to confer with a committee previously appointed by the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation, for the purpose of agreeing upon such changes in the constitution and by-laws of this Corporation, as will enable it to transfer to the town its property and control, or do any thing in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office, and at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bedford

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this 26th day of February A.D. 1887.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith
Edwin H. Blake } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Feb 26th 1887

This certifies that I have this day served the within warrant, by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, being eight days at least before the said 7th day of March 1887 as within directed.

Emerson B. Cutter Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting Mar 7th 1887.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk. The warrant and the return of the Constable thereon was read, and the business proceeded with the following result:

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd " Chose Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Chose Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith and Edwin H. Blake Selectmen.

Chose Charles H. Wood, Charles H. Clark and Jonas Melvin Overseers of the Poor.

Voted: To omit to choose a board of Assessors, and the Selectmen were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of that office.

Chose Charles A. Corey Town Treasurer.

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Art 2nd Chose Thomas C. Butler Collector of Taxes.

Chose Charles H. Wood Surveyor of Highways.

Chose Nathan B. Smith School Committee for three years

Chose Edward W. Farrell Charles L. Flint and Charles R. Barrett Constables

Chose Samuel L. Lane Janitor of Town Hall.

Chose D. Newton Hartwell Funeral Undertaker.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen serve as Fence Viewers.

Chose Joseph H. Goodwin D. Newton Hartwell and Lyman Cole Cemetery Committee.

Chose Hiram Reed Pound Keeper.

Chose Edward J. Skillin Charles H. Wood Michael McMahon Frank S. Kilch and Nathan B. Smith Field Drivers.

Chose Daniel E. Haynes Emerson B. Butler Charles H. Carey Charles H. Clark Oliver J. Lane and Charles C. Carey Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose Edward F. Chase William H. Mordge Charles C. Carey William J. Lane Charles H. Clark Ira B. Butler Charles J. Carey Daniel E. Haynes Edwin H. Clark William B. Hughes and Charles T. Spaulding Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

Chose Charles H. Clark Charles C. Carey and Daniel E. Haynes Weighers of Grain.

Voted that the Board of Selectmen serve as Appraisers of Town Farm Stock.

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Art. 2nd. Chose Wallace G. Webber and Joseph H. Goodwin Auditors.

Chose Albert T. Bacon Francis Rodman Albert C. Sampson Henry Wood and Samuel L. Lane Committee on Licenses.

Art. 3rd. In answer to the following question. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Bedford? The vote was as follows. Yes 92. No 74.

Art. 4th. Voted. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money:-

For Schools	$2500.00
" Text-Books and School Supplies	250.00
" Highways	2000.00
" Repairs on Carlisle Road, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen	400.00
" Incidentals and Snow	800.00
" Support of Poor	1000.00
" Interest on Town Debt	1230.00
" Payment of " "	500.00
" Fire Department	300.00
" Deficiencies	800.00

Art. 5th. Voted; That the Highway Districts be the same as adopted by the Town in the year 1876, and that the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges be expended in the several districts as follows: dis No 1 (Centre) 40 per cent; dis No 2 (South) 10 per cent; dis No 3 (West) 10 per cent; dis No 4 (North) 15 per cent; dis No 5 (East) 20 per cent; dis No 6 (Bridge) 5 per cent; Voted That the Surveyor of Highways be instructed to employ men and teams from the district where the work is to be performed when practicable. Voted. That the Highway Surveyor have charge of the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

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Art 6th Voted: To lay this article on the table -

" 7th Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the years 1878 & 1880, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the Treasury -

" 8th Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be, and hereby is authorized, to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer, when appointed collector may use.

" 9th Voted: That the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized, to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for -

" 10th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 11th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library. $ 125.00

" 12th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Joseph H. Goodwin - $ 25.00

" 13th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 15th Voted: To refer this article to the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor -

" 14th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps. $ 200.00

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Art. 16th. Voted; To refer this article to the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.

" 17th. Voted; To lay this article on the table.

" 18th. Voted: To adopt the following resolution offered by Mr A. C. Sampson; Resolved; That it is the expressed wish of the town, that no member of the School Committee, shall be a teacher in any of the Public Schools of this town; and that they the School Committee, be so instructed; and that this resolve be entered on the records of the town and be the rule to govern that body in the future. Upon a motion offered by Elihu G. Loomis this vote was reconsidered. Further action under this article was indefinitely postponed.

" 19th. Voted; To instruct the Selectmen to cover the bridge near the house of C. L. Weill with plank.
Mr Elihu G. Loomis moved to reconsider this vote. The motion to reconsider was carried, and the article then indefinitely postponed.

" 20th. Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of constructing sidewalks in such places as the Selectmen shall decide to be a public benefit; and where the abutters or others shall assume one half the expense. The same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. $300.00

" 21st. Voted; To refer this article to the Selectmen.

" 22nd. Voted: That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to confer with the committee previously chosen by the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation in relation to this article.
The Chair appointed Albert C. Sampson Wallace A. Caley and Nathan B. Smith.

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Voted; That the polls be kept open for voting on the license question, from 9.30 to 12 M. and from 1 to 5 o'clock P.M.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to employ the committee chosen at March meeting 1886, to look after the interests of the town in the matter of the Shawsheen river in the Legislature.

Under a suspension of the rules the following resolves were adopted by the meeting.
Resolved: That the Selectmen of the town be, and hereby are instructed to hold public meetings of their board, semi monthly in the Centre room of the Town Hall, due notice of the same to be publicly posted in the usual places; at which meetings the town business will be attended to; such as drawing orders, approving bills &c; and that all bills be presented at this meeting and at no other; and not paid or orders drawn until approved by the boards contracting the same; and this resolve to be entered on the town records, and be the established method of transacting town business from this time onward.

Resolved; That at our next March meeting the election of town officers, which are required to be chosen by ballot; be all brought in on one ballot; and that the polls be open until 5 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same.

The report of the several town officers that appear in the printed reports; also the Selectmens report on guide posts and boards, was accepted and placed on file.

Voted: To instruct the Cemetery Committee to remove the stone post in front of the lot of Amos B. Cutler from the avenue. Voted to adjourn. A true record.
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 20th 1887

Middlesex S.S.

To Charles L. Tolles Constable of Bedford. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Wednesday the 20th day of April inst. at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To hear reports from any committee presenting the same, and act on such reports.

" 3rd. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 in addition to the sum raised at the annual meeting March 7, to meet the deficiencies in the appropriations for 1886-7.

" 4th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 5th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received from the bank and corporation tax.

" 6th. To see if the town will choose a committee to care for the old burial ground and make an appropriation for the same, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 7th. To see if the town will take any further action in relation to the erection of a monument on Wilson Park.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the

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Post Office and at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bedford this 11th day of April A. D. 1887.

Oliver J. Dane } Selectmen
Nathan B. Smith } of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford

I have posted the within warrant eight days before said meeting, one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office. Attest: Charles A. Corey Constable

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matters contained therein as follows.

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Dane Moderator.

[illegible] moved that the meeting be adjourned, stating that the posted notices were not attested aforesaid, as signed by the Constable as required by the warrant.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 18th 1887

Middlesex S. S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of the town of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Wednesday the 18th day of May inst; at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2. To hear reports of any [illegible]

3. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the [illegible] sum of $400.00 to pay the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1886-7.

4. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to deduct from the amount required [illegible] them as taxes for the current year, an amount equal to the estimated receipts of the town of Bedford from the Bank and Corporation tax [illegible] year, such deduction not to exceed the amount of such receipts during the preceding year.

5. To see if the town will reconsider the vote passed at the annual town meeting held March 7th appropriating the sum of twelve hundred and thirty dollars for the payment of interest, and [illegible] from the Bank and Corporation tax, the same amount [illegible]

6. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received from the Bank and Corporation tax

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Art 7th To see if the town will appropriate the money raised for dog licenses.

" 8th To see if the town will accept the propositions of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation contained in the report of the committee of the town, or do anything in relation thereto.

" 9th To see if the town will elect four trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation in accordance with the propositions of said Corporation, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 10th To see if the town will accept a lot of land for a Public Building from Mrs Alzina Fletcher, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 11th To see if the town will vote to name the several roads in the town, and have suitable signs at the terminis of the same where necessary.

" 12th To see if the town will choose a committee to have the care of the burying grounds, and raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars to be expended by said committee in said burying grounds.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, for the purpose of [illegible] the roads to be expended under the direction of the Committee of the First Parish.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and at the Post Office, eight days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

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Given under our hands at Bedford this 10th day of May A. D. 1887.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

May 11th 1887.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the within warrant.

[illegible]

A true copy
Attest [illegible]

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows: –

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: To accept and adopt the report of the Committee [illegible] as follows: –

[illegible] appointed on the merged Free Public Library Corporation and in concurrence with them make the following communication and recommendations to the town. That all the present members and officers of the [illegible] be under their resignations to take effect [illegible] election of their successors in the manner hereinafter [illegible] upon the town [illegible] proposition hereinafter made.

[illegible] town does accept the proposition embodied in the report that in the future its membership shall be constituted as follows: –

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Art. 2nd That the corporation shall comprise not more than twelve members who shall be styled the board of trustees and shall have the powers of directors.
That the said trustees be constituted as follows:-
First, the citizens of said town may hereafter at each annual town meeting elect by ballot one trustee to serve for the term of four years; provided, however, that at the first election of trustees, which may be held at any legal town meeting during the current year, four trustees shall be chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, from the date of the annual meeting next preceding the town meeting at which they are chosen and until their successors are chosen and qualified.
The several clergymen settled over the different churches in Bedford or regularly officiating as stated supply of such churches shall become by virtue thereof trustees of said corporation during the continuance of their said service.
Third, the chairman of the board of selectmen and the chairman of the school committee of Bedford for each successive year shall be and become by virtue of their several offices trustees of said corporation during their several terms of office.
In the event of the resignation, removal from town or decease of any elected trustee his office shall become vacant and may be filled by election at any annual town meeting or the next following town meeting.
The necessary amendments have been made in the constitution and by-laws of the Bedford Free Public Library [illegible] upon the assent of the town to the foregoing propositions and upon the election of trustees by the town in accordance therewith.

Nathan B. Smith
Moderator

Art. 3rd [illegible] the sum of [illegible] for the payment of deficiencies in the appropriations

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Art. 3rd for the year 1886-7.

" 4th Voted: That the town do hereby authorize the assessors to deduct from the amount required to be assessed by them as taxes for the current year an amount equal to the estimated receipts of the town of Bedford from the Bank and Corporation tax for the current year, such deduction not to exceed the amounts of such receipts during the preceeding year.

" 5 Voted: To indefinately postpone this article.

" 6th Voted: To appropriate the money received for bank and corporation tax for the payment of the [illegible] of the town for the current year.

" 7th Voted: To appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the benefit of the Public Library.

" 8th Voted: That the town does hereby accept the the propositions of the Bedford Free Library Corporation contained in the report of the committee of the town this day submitted to them.

" 9th Voted: That the town proceed to the first election by ballot of a trustee of the Bedford Free Library Corporation, in accordance with the proposition of said corporation contained in the report of the committee of the town, by electing a trustee for one year, then one for two years, then one for three years, then one for four years from the date of the last annual meeting of the town of Bedford.

George R. Blinn was elected a trustee for one year.
[illegible] was elected a trustee for two years.
Wallace A. Caley was elected a trustee for three years
William E. Brown was elected a trustee for four years.

" 10 Voted: To accept the lot of land presented to the town by Mrs. Alpina Kittredge.

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Art 11th Voted: That the town do proceed to name the several roads in the town not heretofore named; and that a committee be chosen for this purpose, and that they be instructed to confer with the people living on such road in relation thereto, and to report to the town their doings at some future meeting.
In accordance with a vote of the meeting the chair appointed Amos B. Cutler Isaac T. Davis Charles L. Hill Frank T. Weir and Henry Lemaye.

" 12th Voted: That the town do choose a committee to have the care of the old burying ground, and that the sum of $250.00 be raised and appropriated for that purpose. Chose Abram E. Brown Edwin A. Hartwell and Quincy S. Cole.

" 13th Voted: To indefinately postpone this article.

Voted: To adjourn.
A true record
Attest Charles S. Cross
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 8th 1887.

Middlesex ss.
To either of the constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and give notice to all the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened and they may be closed at four o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, Counsellor of the

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Commonwealth, a Treasurer and receiver General, an Auditor of the Commonwealth, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the eighth district, a Senator for the fifth Middlesex district, a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a Representative to the General Court for the Ninth Middlesex district, all one ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs Viz:-

Art. 1st To see if the town will accept as set forth at this meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will accept of any committee reports to come, and to act on any such reports.

" 3rd To see if the town will accept a list of names of persons to act as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

" 4th To see if the town will accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the hands of the town treasurer by Mrs Susan [illegible] and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 275 & 277 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 5th To see if the town will accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the hands of the town treasurer by Mrs Mary H. Butler, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 252 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 6th [illegible] To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to execute, acknowledge and deliver in behalf of the inhabitants of Billerica, a quitclaim deed, to the present owner in fee simple, of the lot on Main Street formerly owned by the town, adjoining land of [illegible] said deed being in continuation of the deed of [illegible] to the town recorded in the registry of deeds in the inhabitants of Billerica, dated Nov 21st 1890, and recorded with Middlesex South district deeds Liber 378 Folio 72.

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon to the Selectmen of said town, at or before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred eighty seven.

Oliver J. Lane
[illegible] } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

I have posted two copies of the within warrant as directed; one at the Town Hall and one at the Post Office. Nov 2 Town Meeting of Bedford, Nov. 1887.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 8 1887

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:
The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers. The votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and public declaration made that in consequence thereof and votes to the following persons viz:-

For Governor

Oliver Ames of Easton	86	Votes
[illegible] of [illegible]	[illegible]	"
William H. Earle of [illegible]	5	"

Lieutenant Governor

John [illegible] of Arlington	85	Votes
Walter E. Cutting of Pittsfield	41	"
John Bloetner of Springfield	5	"

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For Secretary of State

Henry B. Pierce of Arlington	85 Votes
John F. Murphy of Lowell	41 "
Amos E. Hall of Chelsea	5 "

Treasurer

Hanson K. Beard of Boston	85 "
Henry L. Thatcher of Yarmouth	41 "
John L. Kilbon of Lee	5 "

Auditor

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	85 "
William F. Cook of Springfield	41 "
Edward M. Stow of Hudson	5 "

Attorney General

Andrew J. Waterman of Pittsfield	85 "
John H. Lincoln of Winthrop	41 "
Allen Coffin of Nantucket	5 "

County Commissioner

J. Henry Read of Westford	85 "
James Skinner of Woburn	41 "
Joseph H. Baker of Stoneham	0 "

Councillor for the 6th Dist.

Francis Jewett of Lowell	85 "
Lewis S. Tuttle of Everett	41 "
Claudius B. Ladd of Natick	5 "

Senator for the 5th Dist.

Alex S. Palmer of Groton	85 "
Leonard Thompson of Woburn	41 "
Frederick C. Glazier of Hudson	5 "

Representative to the General Court 12th Dist.

Edwin H. Blake of Bedford	84 Votes
Amos B. Cutler of Bedford	39 "
Thomas B. Hosmer of Bedford	1 "

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Town Affairs.

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd The Committee chosen by the town to name the several roads in the town presented their report as follows:- The committee chosen at the Bedford town meeting of May 18th 1887. to report a list of names for the various roads of the town, have attended to their duty, and respectfully submit the following list of names:-

For the road from the head of Wilson Park, at the junction of the roads leading to Billerica and Concord, to Lexington line. Main Street.

For the road from the head of Wilson Park to Concord line. Concord Street.

For the road from the "Hutchinson Place" so called, on the Concord road, to near the house of Henry Wood on said Concord road. Wall Street.

For the road from "Farrels Corner", so called to English line, River Street.

For the road lying on the west side of Wilson Park. Park Row.

For the road from the North road, so called, near the house of Frederic Lewis, to Billerica line, near Lewis's mills. Hawkins Street.

For the road from the North road so called, near the house of J. J. Chase to Billerica line, Chelmsford St.

For the road from Main Street at the head of Wilson Park, direct north to Billerica line. North Avenue.

For the road from Main Street, past Bedford Springs, to Billerica line. Spring Street.

For the road from Spring Street at the Moses Brown place so called, direct east, to Mrs Lincoln's house. Page Street.

For the road from Hensley Corner so called, on Page Street, north to Billerica line. Mill Street.

For the road from near William Byam's house to Burlington line. Burlington Street.

For the road from Mr Lincoln's residence, past the house

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of Willard Judd, to Burlington Street near Stephen Mill, High Street.

For the road from Main Street near the house of David B. Fitch, due north, to the Kenrick's house. Pine Street

For the road from Main Street to Shawsheen Cemetery, Shawsheen Avenue.

For the road from Main Street, near the house of Thomas E. Ryan to the Captain Cushing place so called, East Street.

For the road from Main Street at the northeast corner of the common, due South to Lincoln line - South Street.

For the road lying on the west side of the common, Elm Street.

For the road lying on the south side of the common Maple Street.

[illegible] Lexington line to near the house of N. B. Smith. Wood Street.

For the road from near Elm brook on the "Lincoln road" so called, to the said Lincoln road at the south school-house, Forrest Street.

The avenue from Main Street to South Street, near the railroad crossing, is generally called Loomis Street, but is thought by many people to have been legally named [illegible] We [illegible] to the facts of the case, and respectfully ask the town to decide the name of the street. [illegible] Geo. S. Davis Chas L. Wait - Frank P. Fitch - Henry Desmazes.

Voted, [illegible] road leading from Main Street to South Street, Loomis Street.

The report [illegible] accepted by the town, and the selectmen is directed to make proper signs to be placed at the terminus of each street.

Art 3rd Voted: That the following list of names as presented by the Selectmen as jurors be accepted and adopted.

John Bartlett, Edward L. Blake, Bradford Clark, Frederic A. Cary, John Carlisle, Samuel C. Carter, Charles A. Carey, Marcellus Copeland, Martin N. Fletcher, Frank P. Fitch, Charles C. Gage, [illegible], Thomas H. Johnson, Martin Kelley and [illegible] H. Lane.

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Art 1st Voted: That the town do accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited with the Town Treasurer by Mrs Susan E. Bacon, and allow interest on the same at the rate of five per cent per annum, the same to be expended for the care of lots No 276 & 277 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 5th Voted: That the town do accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited with the Town Treasurer by Mrs Mary H. Butler and allow interest on the same at the rate of five per cent per annum, the same to be expended for the care of lot No 252 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 6th Voted: That the town does hereby authorize the Treasurer to execute, acknowledge, and deliver, in behalf of the inhabitants of Bedford, a quitclaim deed, to the present owner or owners thereof, of the lot on Main St., formerly owned by the town, adjoining lands of Jerome D. Bacon, said deed being being in continuation of the defective deed of Minerva W. Chamberlin, in the capacity of Treasurer of the inhabitants of Bedford, dated April 25th 1858, and recorded with Middlesex South Deeds, Libro 833, Folio 92.

Voted to adjourn

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Meeting of Town Clerks Nov 18th 1887

Ascertained that the votes in the Representative District No 12, for Representative to the General Court were for the following persons, namely:-

Chas. H. Muzzey of Bedford	Jos. C. Ames of Bedford	Louis Whiting of Lexington	Chas. H. Bowman of Bedford	Jos. Bowman of Concord	
273	117	10		1	Concord
165	68	109			Lexington
84	39	12	1		Arlington
52	20	12			Lincoln
29	34	4			Burlington
603	278	135	1	1	

Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1888

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Monday the fifth day of March next, at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town business, viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

3rd. To act on the following question, viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford, Yes or No.

4th. To see what sum of money it will be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same, which shall include the deficiencies in the appropriations for the previous year, &c.

5th. To see what method the town will adopt for the support of the roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

6th. To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any that is now in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

7th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

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Art 8th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 11th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldier's graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 12th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, for the care of, and lighting street lamps.

" 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars, for the improvement of the old cemetery, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 15th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purchase of hose for the fire engine.

" 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding four hundred

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Art. 15th To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for the purpose of constructing sidewalks, provided the abutters will assume one half of the expense of the same.

" 17th To see if the town will choose a committee to procure estimates of the cost of two or more cisterns, for water, to be used in case of fire, said cisterns to be located in suitable places in the village, and report at a future meeting.

" 18th To see if the town will vote to grade River St. in the vicinity of the bridge, for the purpose of preventing the overflow of said street at times of high water, and raise a sum of money for that purpose.

" 19th To see if the town will vote to lease a suitable piece of land for a play ground for those who may wish to use the same, and raise a sum of money sufficient for that object.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of February A.D. 1888.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen
Edwin H. Blake } of Bedford.

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Bedford Feb 27th 1888.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town House, and also one at the Post Office, eight days before the said fifth day of March 1888 as within directed. Edward H. Parrell Constable of Bedford

A true Copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Mar 5th 1888.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford, met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, viz:

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the meeting proceed to vote on one ballot for three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, three Constables, one Town Treasurer, one Town Clerk, one Collector of taxes, one Funeral Undertaker, one Janitor of the Town Hall, and also a Trustee for the Bedford Free Public Library for four years, also for one member of the School Committee for three years in place of Mr. Smith, and that said vote be taken by ballot and use of the check list and to close the polls at five o'clock P.M. In accordance with the above vote the following officers were chosen:

For Selectmen.

Oliver J. Lane[6] Nathan B. Smith[5] Edwin H. Blake[5]

Assessors

Oliver J. Lane[5] Nathan B. Smith[5] Edwin H. Blake[5]

Overseers of the Poor

Charles H. Hall[1] Charles H. Cook[3] [illegible]

Constables

[illegible] Frank [illegible][5] [illegible][5] [illegible]

Town Clerk Treasurer and Collector of Taxes

Frederick Gray

Funeral Undertaker

Newton Hartwell.

Janitor of Town Hall Samuel L. Lane

Trustee for the Bedford Free Public Library

George R. Blinn for four years.

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Art 2nd School Committee for three years Daniel E. Davis.

Highway Surveyor Charles H. Wood[s]

Fence Viewers Alvin J. Lane Nathan B. Smith Edwin H. Blake

Cemetery Committee Joseph H. Gowen [illegible] Jonas Melvin.

Pound Keeper A. Elmer Blake

Field Drivers Edward F. Sullivan[s] Charles H. Wood[s] Lewis F. Filch[s] Nathan B. Smith[s] George H. Howe[s].

Surveyors of Lumber Emerson B. Cutler[s] Daniel E. Rogers[s] Hiram A. Corey[s] Charles H. Clark[s] Oliver J. Lane[s] Charles E. Corey[s].

Measurers of Wood and Bark. Lewis F. Muse[s] William E. Hodge[s] Charles E. Corey[s] George H. Howe[s] Charles H. Clark[s] Emerson B. Cutler[s] Alvin J. Lane[s] Charles N. Corey[s] Daniel E. Rogers[s] Edwin H. Blake[s] Charles F. Spaulding[s].

Weighers of Beam Charles H. Wood[s] Charles E. Corey[s] Daniel E. Rogers[s]

Sealers of Weights and Measures [illegible] Alvin J. Lane Nathan B. Smith Edwin H. Blake.

Auditors Joseph H. Gowen Wallace G. Hatter.

Committee on Piano Albert T. Bacon Francis Rodman Albert P. Thompson Benj. Wood [illegible] Daniel E. Davis.

Art 3rd Voted: That the polls be opened until five o'clock P.M. for voting on the following question, namely;- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford. Yes or No? and that said vote be taken by ballot and use of the check list. Whole number of ballots cast 122. Yes, 75. No, 124.

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Art 4th Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money, Viz:-

For Schools	$2200.00
" Text-books and school supplies	250.00
" Highways	1400.00
" Sidewalks	100.00
" " between Loomis St & Cemetery	100.00
" " sand for when covered with ice	50.00
" Incidentals and Snow	1000.00
" Support of Poor	1000.00
" Interest on town debt	1125.00
" Fire Department	350.00
" Deficiencies	650.00

Art 5th Voted: That the highway districts be the same as adopted by the town in the year 1875, and that the money raised and appropriated for streets and bridges be expended in the several districts as follows: District No 1, Centre 20 per cent; district No 2, South 10 per cent; district No 3, West 10 per cent; district No 4, North, 15 per cent; district No 5, East 20 per cent; district No 6, Bridger 5 per cent; and that the highway surveyors have charge of the removal of snow from the sidewalks.

" 6th Voted: To ~~raise and~~ appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars from the money that is, or may be, in the treasury for the payment of town debt. $1000.00

" 7th Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the years 1878-80, and that the compensation of the collector of taxes be one and one fourth (1¼) per cent upon all money collected and paid into the town treasury.

" 8th Voted: That the Collector be and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town collector or appointed collector may use.

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Art 9th. Voted: That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, and to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library $150.00

" 11th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldier's graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee. $25.00

" 12th Voted: That the money received by the town for dog licenses, be appropriated for the benefit of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 13th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps. $300.00

" 14th Voted: That the Selectmen have charge of the old burial grounds, and are hereby authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding ten dollars from the appropriation for incidental expenses, for the care of and improvement of the same.

" 15th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of hose for the fire engine, the same to be expended under the direction of the Engineers of the fire department. $150.00

" 16th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of concreting sidewalks; provided the abutters will assume one half of the expense of the same. $200.00

Town Meeting Mar 5th 1888.

Art 17th The following committee was appointed to take into consideration Art 17th and to report at a future meeting, estimate of the probable expense of two or more cisterns for water, to be used in case of fire, said cisterns to be located in suitable places in the village. Charles T. Spaulding Wallace A. Cutler George E. Wilton Jonas Melvin and Elihu G. Loomis.

" 18th The following committee was chosen to take into consideration art 18th and to report at a future meeting the probable cost of land belonging to Mr. Orrin Hayward, also the probable expense of grading River Street near the Lovell bridge, to prevent the overflow of said street at times of high water, and that said committee be and hereby are, authorized to incur an expense not exceeding fifty dollars. Thomas B. Hosmer Mallard C. Webber and Albert B. Sampson.

" 19th Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take into consideration art 19th and report at a future meeting. The chair appointed Mallard C. Webber Elihu G. Loomis and Thomas B. Hosmer.

Resolved, That the selectmen be instructed to draw no orders for money to be paid from the town treasury except at a regular meeting of the board when a majority are present; and no orders shall be drawn unless the bills are approved by the person or persons employing the same. Provided that if the bill has been approved and the case is such that it should be immediately attended to, the chairman may draw such order.

The report of the several town officers that appear in the printed report, and the Selectmen's report on gravel roads, were accepted and placed on file. Voted that the meeting be now dissolved. Attest Charles A. Gray Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 28th 1888.

Middlesex S. S.-

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting.-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday the 28th day of July inst. at 7.15 o'clock P. M. to act upon the following articles of town affairs, Viz.-

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To hear the report of any committee presenting the same and act on such reports as the town may deem advisable.

" 3rd. To see if the town will vote to build one or more cisterns for the use of the Fire Department, and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars therefor, or do any thing in relation thereto.-

" 4th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow a sum of money sufficient to meet any appropriations which the town may vote to make.

" 5th To see if the town will take any action in relation to exchanging the Fire Engine, now owned by the town for a lighter one, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 6th To see if the town will vote to furnish the Hook and Ladder truck with a gong or bell, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 7th. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars, deposited in the Town Treasury by the late Thomas C. Butler, and allow interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, the income of said sum to be expended annually for the care and improvement of lot No 156 in Shawsheen Cemetery and for the general improvement of said Cemetery.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 28th 1885.

Art. 8th To see if the town will take any action in the matter of playing ball, and other games on the common grounds, claimed to be owned by the first parish, or do any thing in regard to the said matter.

" 9th To vote on the following question, namely: Shall an act passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth in the year 1882, entitled "An act authorizing towns and cities to lay out Public Parks within their limits" be accepted? yes or No, or do any thing in relation to the same subject-matter.

" 10th To see if the town will elect three competent persons who shall constitute a Board of Park Commissioners for the town of Bedford and fix their terms of office, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 11th To see if the town will appropriate and expend a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars for the purchase and improvement of such park or parks as may be located by said Commissioners within the limits of this town, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 12th To see if the town will vote to expend the sum of one hundred dollars, to remove the brush from the sides of the road, under the direction of the Selectmen.

" 13th To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the present school accomodations in the centre district, or do any thing relating to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of the town of Bedford at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 28th 1888.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 19th day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen
Nathan B. Smith } of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford July 19th 1888

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office eight days before the said twenty eighth day of July as within directed.

Edward H. Farrell Constable of Bedford.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd. The report of the Committee on Outlets road was presented and read by Thomas B. Hosmer. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The reports of the Committee on Cisterns and on Clay Grounds were presented and layed on the table.

" 5th. The report of the Committee on cisterns was read by Nathan B. Smith. The report was accepted and placed on file. In accordance with the suggestion of the Committee the Town.

Voted: That the town do construct three cisterns, for the storage of water for protection against fire, said cisterns to be of the capacity of 6.000 gallons, and to be located, one at the southerly corner of the Common, opposite the residence of Dr. Hall; one on Main Street opposite the

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Art 5th. house of Charles A. Gray; one on Main Street opposite the residence of Eli Simonds; & at the nearest practicable points adjacent to said locations.
Voted: That the construction of said cisterns be under the direction of the present committee.
Voted: That the town do appropriate and authorize said committee on cisterns to expend a sum not exceeding $500. for the construction thereof. $500.

" 4th Voted, That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding $500. to meet any appropriation which the town may make.

" 5th Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to take into consideration article fifth and to report at a future meeting; Voted, That said committee consist of the Board of Selectmen.

" 6th Voted, That the town do purchase a gong for the use of the Hook and Ladder Truck. Referred to the Selectmen.

" 7th Voted, to accept the sum of one hundred dollars, deposited in the town treasury by the late Thomas C. Carter, and allow interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, the income of said sum to be expended annually for the care and improvement of lot No 188, in Stearns Green Cemetery, and for the general improvement of said Cemetery.

" 8th Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to investigate in relation to the ownership of the Common, and to report at a future meeting. Chose Nathan B. Smith Edwin H. Blake and Charles M. Clark.
Voted: That the committee be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, the amount to be taken from any unexpended balances in the treasury.

" 9th Voted: That the town accept the provisions of chapter 154 of the acts passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth

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Art. 9th in the year 1882, entitled "An act authorizing cities and towns to lay out Public Parks within their limits."
The above vote was by ballot and the check list used, and was as follows: 33 voting yes. 3 no.

" 10th Voted: To elect three Park Commissioners, by use of ballot and check list the first to serve for a term of three years, the second for the term of two years, the third for the term of one year, from the date of the next annual town meeting, or until his successor in office is chosen and qualified; and that one Park Commissioner be chosen each year thereafter, at the annual meeting, to serve for a term of three years, or until his successor is chosen and qualified.
The following persons were elected. Elihu G. Loomis for three years, Stephen A. Wood for two years, Henry Wood for one year.

" 11th Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 12th Voted: To appropriate the sum of $100. to remove the brush from the sides of the road, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

" 13th Voted: To indefinately postpone this article.

Voted. to adjourn —
A true record Attest Charles S. Carey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 6th 1888.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at 12. o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M." to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Election, for a President and Vice President of the united States, a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary of the Commonwealth, a Treasurer and Receiver General, an Auditor of the Commonwealth, an Attorney General, a Representative to Congress in the Eighth Congressional District; a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a Register of Probate and Insolvency, a County Treasurer for Middlesex County, a Register of Deeds for the Southern Middlesex District; a Representative to the General Court for the Nineteenth Middlesex District, all on one ballot: Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs, Viz;-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear any reports which may be presented, and act on the same

" 3rd To act on a list of persons as Jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

" 4th To see if the town will accept and allow the laying out of a town way known as Wilside Avenue, from Main Street to Spring Street in said Bedford, as reported by the Selectmen, and do any thing in relation thereto,

" 5th To see if the town will grant the use of the Town Hall, free of expense, to the members of the Band, for meetings for a season.

" 6th To see if the town will take any action in relation to the election of the several town Officers, at the ~~at~~ the Annual Town Meeting,

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Art 7th To see if the town will take any action in relation to procuring and placing in suitable locations, two bulletin boards, for the purpose of posting all notices, and other matter pertaining to town affairs.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post-Office, and at the Town Hall, eight days at least before the time of said meeting.

Here of fail not, and make due return of this warrant; with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands at Bedford this 27th day of October A.D. 1888.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Oct 27th 1888.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office, eight days before the said 5th day of November 1888 as within directed. Edward W. Farrell
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest
A. E. Brown Clerk pro tem

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1888.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers. The votes were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen and were for the following persons.

For Presidential Electors at Large

George D. Robinson	of Chicopee	120 Votes
William F. Draper	of Hopedale	120 "
John Boyle O'Reilly	of Boston	62 "
George M. Ellis	of Chicopee	62 "
James H. Roberts	of Cambridge	3 "
John Blackmer	of Springfield	3 "

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For Presidential Electors.

Dist No 1

John H. Reed	of	Barnstable	120 Votes
Thomas C. Day	"	"	62 "
John D. Flint	"	Fall River	3 "

Dist No 2

George E. Truman	of	Brockton	120 "
Bushrod Morse	"	Sharon	62 "
William J. Smith	"	Taunton	3 "

Dist No 3

Halsey J. Boardman	of	Boston	119 "
Nathan Matthews Jr	"	"	62 "
James M. Gay	"	"	3 "

Dist No 4

Elijah Martin Hutch	of	Boston	120 "
Matthew Keaney	"	"	62 "
Israel F. Trafton	"	"	3 "

Dist No 5

Henry J. Wells	of	Cambridge	120 "
Charles H. Taylor	"	Boston	62 "
Andrew Hower	"	"	3 "

Dist No 6

Horatio Wellington	of	Boston	120 "
Henry Bradley	"	Medford	62 "
George H. Harwood	"	Lynn	3 "

Dist No 7

Francis Norwood	of	Beverly	120 "
James F. Dean	"	Salem	62 "
Daniel W. Friend	"	Winchester	3 "

Dist No 8

Charles A. Bell	of	Lawrence	120 "
John C. Sanborn	"	"	62 "
Cyson E. Mallory	"	Lowell	3 "

Dist No 9

Charles R. Terrell	of	Natick	120 "
William Aspinwall	"	Brookline	62 "
Charles M. Powers	"	Clinton	3 "

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Dist No 10

Frank P. Goulding	of	Worcester	120 Votes
Edward W. Lincoln	"	"	62 "
Edward D. Conant	"	"	3 "

Dist No 11

Chester C. Conant	of	Greenfield	120 "
Frederick T. Coolidge	"	Shelburne Falls	52 "
Julius H. Lesley	"	Amherst	3 "

Dist No 12

Elisha Morgan	of	Springfield	120 "
Walter Cutting	"	Pittsfield	52 "
Howard A. Gibbs	"	Lee	3 "

For Governor

Oliver W. Ames	of	Easton	120 "
William E. Russell	"	Cambridge	60 "
William H. Earle	"	Worcester	3 "

Lieutenant Governor

John D. A. Brackett	of	Arlington	121 "
John W. Corcoran	"	Clinton	61 "
John Bascom	"	Williamstown	3 "

Secretary

Henry B. Peirce	of	Abington	121 "
William N. Osgood	"	Boston	61 "
Henry C. Smith	"	Williamsburg	3 "

Treasurer

George A. Marden	of	Lowell	121 "
Henry C. Thatcher	"	Yarmouth	61 "
John M. Fisher	"	Attleborough	3 "

Auditor

Charles R. Ladd	of	Springfield	121 "
William A. Williams	"	Worcester	61 "
Edmund M. Stone	"	Hudson	3 "

Attorney General

Andrew J. Waterman	of	Pittsfield	121 "
Samuel C. Lamb	"	Greenfield	61 "
Allen Coffin	"	Nantucket	3 "

Representative to 51 Congress Dist No 8

Frederic T. Greenhalge	of	Lowell	124 "
John J. Deacon	"	"	55 "
Nathaniel H. Shilden	"	Chelmsford	3 "

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Councillor

Francis Jewett	of	Lowell	120 Votes
Charles T. Williams	"	Acton	61 "
James R. Fellows	"	Lowell	3 "

Senator

Moses P. Palmer	of	Groton	120 "
John P. Crane	"	Woburn	61 "
Frederic P. Glazier	"	Hudson	2 "

Register of Probate and Insolvency

Joseph H. Tyler	of	Winchester	182 "
William H. Partridge	"	Newton	3 "

County Commissioner

Samuel C. Upham	of	Wakefield	119 "
Alphonso M. Lane	"	Cambridge	62 "
George Pillsbury	"	Newburyport	3 "

County Treasurer

Joseph C. Hugdon	of	Somerville	182 "
Joseph G. Ball	"	Cambridge	3 "

Register of Deeds

Charles B. Stevens	of	Cambridge	182 "
Walter K. Forbes	"	Somerville	3 "

Representative to General Court - 19 Dist.

John A. Hutchinson	of	Lexington	104 "
James L. Munroe	"	"	79 "
Charles Ward	"	Burlington	2 "

Town Affairs.

Art. 1st. Chose Charles J. Lane Moderator
Abram E. Brown Town Clerk pro tem

2nd. The Selectmen presented their report of the laying out of Hillside Avenue.

3rd. Voted to accept the following list of jurors presented by the Selectmen, and amended by the Town
Abner T. Bacon Edward A. Butler Lorenzo S. Cox David L. Dodge Charles Davis Henry Damager Isaac E. Fitch Walter K. Gibson Charles E. Gage Edward A. Keene Lorin L. Hodgdon William H. Goodwin James Martin George E. Skilton and Charles H. Wood

Town Meeting Nov 6th 1888 Continued

Art. 4th Voted: That the town does accept and allow the laying out of a town way from Main Street to Spring Street in said Bedford, as reported by the Selectmen.

The following is a copy of said report:

The Selectmen respectfully report that on the Twentieth day of October A. D. 1888, they layed out a town way in said Bedford, fifty feet wide, and bounded and measured as follows, to wit: The North-easterly line thereof extending from a point on Main Street about eight and thirty-seven one hundredths (8 37/100) feet North-west from the Westerly line of the location of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, where it crosses Main Street, to a point on Spring Street adjoining North-westerly the estate of Mrs Alicia N. Hanscom, and measuring twelve hundred and seventy five and eighty-one one hundredths (1275 81/100) feet more or less, and the South-westerly boundary line thereof being parallel with and fifty feet distant Westerly from the said North-easterly boundary, and measuring twelve hundred and thirty five and seventy three one hundredths (1235 73/100) feet more or less, according to the lines shown of the street named Hillside Avenue on a certain plan entitled Plan of Lands in Bedford, Mass. owned by Wallace G. Webber, and Malvina S. Lawrence; dated December 15th 1887, George A. Kimball, Civil Engineer, and filed on the Sixth day of October, in the office of the Town Clerk of Bedford; to which reference is had for a more particular description thereof. And we report this action to the town that this laying out may be acted on by the town as by law provided.

Witness our hands this Twenty-sixth day of October A. D. 1888.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford
Edwin H. Blake

" 5th Voted. Not to grant the free use of the Town Hall for Band Rehearsals

" 6th Voted. That on and after the next annual town meeting for the choice of town officers; the officers which are required to be chosen by ballot, except the school committee, be all voted for together by such voters on one ballot, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P. M. for the deposit of the same.

" 7th Voted. That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to erect Bulletin Boards for the use of the Town

A true record Attest Abram E. Brown Clerk pro tem

Town Clerk's Meeting Nov 16th 1888.

This certifies that the whole number of ballots cast in Representative District No 12. for Representative to the General Court was (1500) Sixteen hundred, and were for the following persons, viz:

	John F. Hutchinson	James S. Munroe	Marshall Wood
Concord	341	234	
Lexington	341	233	
Bedford	104	79	2
Lincoln	88	57	8
Burlington	44	69	
	918	672	10 = 1500

Attest Charles A. Covey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 4th 1889.

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the constables of the town of Bedford.

Greeting:- In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Monday the fourth day of March next: at nine o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2nd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, [illegible] for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

[illegible] To vote on the following question, viz: Shall the town be permitted to sell intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No. The ballots to be furnished by the town clerk, and to be distributed to voters [illegible] the direction of the clerk.

[illegible] To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for necessary

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Art 4th To defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same, also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1888-89.

" 5th To see what method the town will adopt for the opening of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or if they will use any money that is or may be in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 8th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector, may use.

" 9th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to use money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 11th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of detecting the cattle pens in the town. to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 12th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps.

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Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding four hundred dollars, for the purpose of concreting sidewalks, provided the abutters will assume one-half the expense of the same.

" 15th. To see if the town will take any further action in relation to filling the Carlisle road, "now called River Street", so as to prevent an overflow of the river, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 16. To see if the town will appropriate the balance of the amount raised for building cisterns, to complete the job.

" 17. To see if the town will accept and lay out the laying out for town way from the house of A. L. Hall to Lexington line as reported by the Selectmen.

" 18th. To see if the town will repair the Town House building the present year, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose.

" 19. By request of Joseph H. Robinson. To see if the town will refund to him the sum of twelve dollars, paid by him for board of nurse and use of team during his wife's sickness while on the town farm.

" 20th. To see if the town will petition the County Commissioners to discontinue as a public highway the Summerings road so called, from east of the house of Alex Kenrick to Lexington line.

" 21st. By request of A. C. Brown. To see if the town will take measures for adopting a set of by-laws for the government of Hawthorn Cemetery, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 22nd. By request of A. C. Brown. To see if the town will take any steps towards erecting a school building, or do anything in relation to a better accommodation for the schools

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 4th 1889.

Art-23 By request of E. A. Cutler, To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a supervisor for the public schools, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 24th To see if the town will vote to revise the course of study now in use in the High School, and if so, what method will the town adopt.

" 25th By request of J. C. Shaw, To see if the town will fix the salaries of the Town Officers, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 26th To see what action the town will take in repairing the road from the house of O. W. Fiske to Billerica line, also to raise and appropriate a sum of money for that especial purpose.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office and at the Town Hall eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Clerk of said town on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this 21st day of February A.D. 1889.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of
Nathan B. Smith } Bedford.

Middlesex ss.

Bedford Feb 25th 1889

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office eight days before the within mentioned day of March 1889 as within directed.

Edward W. Powell
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles J. Crane
Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 4th 1889

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

Voted 1st That we use a check list, Oliver J. Lane moderator.

" 2nd Voted that the polls be now open for the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one Surveyor of Highways, three Constables, one member of the School Committee for the term of three years, [illegible] Trustees, [illegible] of the Public Library for the term of four years, and that they be all voted for together on one ballot by each voter. and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. for the reception of the same. and that votes be taken by use of the check-list.

Voted, 3rd That the polls be kept open the same length of time to receive votes for Fence Committee [illegible] Joseph E. Stetson and Nathan S. Weber, who were duly sworn,

After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the votes, the Moderator announced that the following gentlemen were chosen for the ensuing year.

For Town Clerk Charles A. Corey

For Selectmen, Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith & Edwin H. Blake

For Assessors, Oliver J. Lane Nathan B. Smith & Edwin H. Blake

For Overseers of the Poor, Jonas Melvin George M. Parker & Cha H. Clark.

For Town Treasurer Charles A. Corey

For Collector of Taxes Charles A. Corey

Town Meeting Mar. 7th 1864.

Art. 2. For Surveyor of Highways, Charles A. Ward

For Constables, William H. Bridgham, Samuel Nathaniel P. Smith.

For School Committee for three years, Willis C. Clark.

For Pound Keeper, S. Newton Rhodes.

For Sealer of Town Hall, Samuel L. Crane.

For Sealer of Weights & Measures for four years, James N. Carver.

The following were chosen by nomination:-

For Tree Warden, William J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith & Adam Hotchkiss

For Cemetery Committee, Joseph H. Goodwin, S. Newton Rhodes & Franklin Wilson.

For Pound Keeper, N. Elmer Rhodes.

For Field Drivers, James Gilbert, Edward J. Whitman, Frank T. Hitch, Nathan B. Smith & George B. Howe.

Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson S. Cutler, Daniel C. Hayden, Charles A. Gray, Charles H. Clark, William J. Lane & Charles C. Gray

Surveyors of Wood & Bark, Samuel L. Chase, William B. Morse, Charles C. Gray, George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Simeon B. Cutler, Willis C. Lane, Charles A. Gray, Daniel C. Hayden, Edwin H. Wade & Charles T. Spaulding.

For Weighers of Grain, Charles H. Clark, Charles C. Gray & Daniel C. Hayden.

Measurers of Long Term Stock, Albert J. Gurney, Sedley Hartford & Charles L. Waite.

Sealers, Joseph H. Goodwin, Nathan C. Walker & Nathan A. Cargill.

Committee on Pound, Albert J. Bacon, Francis Bowman, Albert C. Gurney, Henry Ward & Samuel L. Crane.

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Art 3rd This article was taken up in connection with article 2, so that balloting could be made at the same time.
Voted That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same and in taking said vote the check list and board, Before the polls were opened the self-registering ballot box was examined and shown to be empty. It was then locked and the keys given to the Constable in other hands, At the close of the polls at the time specified the register showed 136, but on the ballots being counted there were 139, as follows:- Yes 12, No 127.

" 4th Voted. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year, viz:-

For support of Schools	$2800.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
For Highways	1600.00
For Sidewalks	200.00
For Repairs on Cummings Road	150.00
For Repairs on Spring Street "	200.00
For Incidentals and removal of snow	1000.00
For Support of Poor	1200.00
For Payment of interest	1000.00
For Fire Department	375.00
For Deficiencies	300.00

Voted. That the sum of three hundred dollars (300.00) be appropriated from money now in the treasury for the payment of deficiencies.

Voted That the money raised and appropriated last year for building sidewalks in city time, be appropriated for the same purpose for the ensuing year.
Voted That the money appropriated for incidentals be expended under the direction of the selectmen.
Voted That the selectmen be and are authorized to expend any money remaining from the special appropriation of [illegible] dollars for [illegible] for the ensuing year.

Town Meeting March 11th 1881.

Art. 5th Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the repair [illegible] so that the money is expended in the several districts as voted by the town.

" 6th Voted: To appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars from any money that is or may be in the treasury for the payment of town debts $1000.00

" 7th Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the years 1878-80, and that the compensation of the collector of taxes be one and one-quarter of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury

" 8th Voted: That the collector of taxes be and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer is or may be authorized to use.

" 9th Voted: That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the Public Library. $150.00

" 11th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' graves in the town, to be expended by a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen and Geo. H. Bowers. $25.00

" 12th Voted: To appropriate the money received from the county commissioners for the use of the Public Library.

" 13th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps. $300.00

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Art. 14th Voted: That the money raised and appropriated last year for repairing sidewalks, be appropriated for the same purpose for the ensuing year; provided the selectmen will assume one half of the expense of the same.

" 15th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 16th Voted: To appropriate the unexpended balance of last year to complete the work on sidewalks.

" 17th [illegible] to widen and [illegible] the highway [illegible] way from near the house of [illegible] S. Wall to Lexington line as reported by the Selectmen.

" 18th Voted: To choose a committee of three to take this article into consideration [illegible] report at a future meeting [illegible] committee [illegible] town.

" 19th Voted: To reimburse Joseph R. Robinson the sum of twelve dollars as asked for in this article, And it was subsequently Voted: That the same be paid from the money now in the treasury.

" 20th Voted: That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to act with the Selectmen, Committee in preparing a [illegible] for a [illegible] of Graves in Cemetery and that they report at a future meeting. The Chair appointed [illegible] S. Brown, [illegible] R. Phinney, William A. Cutler.

" 21 Voted: [illegible] the County Commissioners be discontinued a public highway, the Commissioners were called

" 22 Voted: That a committee of nine be raised: to take into consideration the question of better accomodations for our Schools, and that said Committee report at a future meeting, and that said committee consist of the following gentlemen, Wallace S. Webber, Oliver J. Lane, Charles H. Clark, [illegible] William B. Brown, [illegible] Committee.

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Art 23rd Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to advise with the School Committee to see what steps may be taken in regard to availing ourselves of the act of Massachusetts Legislature for the year 1888. Chap 431. Where Rev Calvin Smith Geo P. Viper and George R. Blake.

" 24th Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to advise with the School Committee in reorganizing the course of study for the High School classes. Where Rev Calvin Smith Geo P. Viper and Abram E. Brown.

" 25th Voted: That a committee of three be chosen by nomination from the floor to examine the question of liquor licenses for the various town officers and report at the next town meeting. Where Wm. E. Fisher Milton S. Leonard and Nathan D. Leighton

" 26th Voted: To refer this article to the Selectmen.

Voted: To accept the reports of the Selectmen on guide posts and boards

Voted: To accept the reports of the several town officers as they appear in the printed report of the Selectmen and other town officers

Resolved That it is the sense of this town and hereby ordered that hereafter the town report shall be made out and issued by the Town Auditors and this order is directed to include Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Collector of taxes, Highway Surveyor, School Committee, those in charge of the Cemetery, Janitor of Town Hall, and all the finances relating to the town, either by committee or otherwise, and in the future, the auditor shall be notified for the same as any other elective officer. and that the clerk be required to pay bills for the auditors and the auditors are required to print in the annual town report the several accounts for the town meetings held during the twelve months previous to the day of issuing the same together with the several orders and votes of the action of the town thereon.

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Resolved; That the Selectmen be authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars for the enforcement of the license law; the same to be paid from the appropriation for incidental expenses.

After the vote for town officers, as previously recorded, was given, such of the newly elected officers as were present took the oath of office, and the meeting was declared dissolved.

A true record.

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 22nd 1889.

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in [illegible] on Monday the 22nd day of April, inst. at 12 o'clock M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen, by ballot, for or against the Article of Amendment of the Constitution, as follows. "The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be [illegible] prohibited." "The general court shall enact suitable legislation to enforce the provisions of this article."

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

[illegible]

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Art 3rd To hear the report of the Committee on school building and school accommodations and act on the same.

" 4th To hear the report of the Committee on the matter of Shawsheen Cemetery, and take such action as the town may deem proper.

" 5th To see if the town will approve of the form of deed of lots in the cemetery as recommended by the Cemetery Committee, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 6th [illegible] the resignation [illegible] committee, [illegible] town.

" 7th To fill any vacancies which may be made in any office, by the resignation of the present incumbent of such office. And choose by ballot three persons, for a cemetery committee, one to serve one year from the last annual meeting, one to serve two years from the last annual meeting one for three years from the annual meeting.

" 8th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be used by the Cemetery Committee, [illegible] purchasing [illegible] in the cemetery [illegible].

" 9th To see if the town will vote to have the government of Shawsheen Cemetery [illegible] the old law [illegible] more [illegible] in relation thereto.

" 10th To see if the town will accept the sum of fifty dollars [illegible] and allow interest at the rate of 5 % per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 221 in [illegible] Cemetery.

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Art. 11th. To see if the town will accept and allow the laying out of a town way from near the house of C. L. Wait to Sevington line, as reported by the Selectmen to the town at the annual meeting held March 4th. also to see if the town will pay the bill for plank laid on the bridge over Shawsheen river on the above way.

" 12th. By request of A. C. Sampson: To see what action the town will take with regard to obtaining a Stone Crusher, and Engine and suitable buildings for the same, or do any thing in relation to the same. And to see if the town will pay for the same by raising and appropriating or to borrow the money on a time note for this purpose.

" 13th. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable building in which to keep the road machine and town's tools, and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for that purpose.

" 14th. To see if the town will vote to prohibit the dumping of stone and other articles within the limits of the roads throughout the town.

" 15th. To see if the town will vote to prohibit the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks and other walks in the town.

" 16th. To see what action the town will take regarding the ownership of the Flag Pole at head of "Wilson Park", or do any thing relating to the same.

" 17th. By request of W. C. Webber: To see if the town will choose a committee of three to see where good gravel can be obtained, and what measures should be adopted for procuring the same.

" 18th. To see if the town will take any action in relation to building a Lockup in the centre of the town.

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[illegible] you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk or Selectmen at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this thirteenth day of April A. D. 1889.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. [illegible]

Billerica ss.
Bedford April 14th 1889.

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post-Office eight days before the meeting within mentioned.

Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. The Selectmen opened the polls for voting on the Article of Amendment of the Constitution. The ballots were received, sorted and counted by the Selectmen, and declaration made thereof in open town meeting as follows:- Yes 55 ballots. No 30 ballots.
Before the polls were opened the self registering ballot-box was examined and found to be empty; it was then locked and the key to the lower box given to the Constable in attendance.
The Selectmen appointed as tellers to assist in receiving, sorting and counting the ballots Isaac N. Wallace and

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Charles L. Flint who were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.
Voted: That the polls be closed at 5 o'clock P.M. for voting on this question.
After closing the polls at the time specified, the register, check-list and number of ballots showed that (186) one hundred and thirty six ballots had been cast.

Town affairs.

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd The Committee on repairs of town hall building presented their report which was read by Wallace A. Coley Chairman of said committee. The report was accepted and placed on file (See report).

Voted: That the town do shingle, and repair the chimneys of the Town Hall, and that the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (350.) be appropriated from the money that is or may be in the town treasury for that purpose, and that said repairs be made under the direction of the present committee.

" 3rd Voted: That the Special Committee appointed under article 22 for the Town meeting of March 4th 1889 is granted further time according to the recommendation ~~embodied in the report of~~ the Chairman Wallace P. Webber.

" 4th Voted: That the rules and regulations recommended by the committee appointed under article 21 of the warrant for town meeting March 4th 1889 for the care and management of Shawsheen Cemetery are hereby adopted. (See report on file.)

Voted: That the special committee appointed under article 21st for the town meeting of March 4th 1889 is granted further time according to the recommendation embodied in its report. (See report.)

" 5th Voted: That the form of deed, for the conveyance of burial

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It is recommended by the committee appointed under article 21st of the warrant for town meeting of March 4th 1889 is hereby adopted as amended. (See report)

Voted: That the chairman of the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for the time being is hereby authorized in behalf of the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford to execute and deliver all deeds of conveyance or grant to purchasers of lots in Shawsheen Cemetery which deed before delivering shall be countersigned by the clerk of said Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Cemetery.

Apl 6th

" 7th Voted: That we proceed to the choice by ballot of a Cemetery Committee to be known as one called the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee to consist of three persons, one member of said Committee to serve for the term of three years from the last preceding annual town meeting one member of said committee to serve for the term of two years from said town meeting, and one member of said Committee to serve for the term of one year from said town meeting.

Chose Jonas Melvin for the term of one year
" Moses E. Rowe for the term of two years
" Joseph H. Pentland for the term of three years

Chose Francis Redman as Trustee for Public Library to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Wallace A. Dailey.

" 8th Voted: That we appropriate the sum of fifty dollars from money that is or may be in the treasury to be expended by the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for the fencing of lots and paths, and for the location of the position of graves in the Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 9th Voted: That the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee shall have

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the charge and care of the old burial ground.
It was subsequently voted that the sum of ten dollars be appropriated for the care of said burial ground.

Art. 10th. Voted: To accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the town treasury by Oscar S. Skinner and allow interest at the rate of 5 % per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 221 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 11th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 12th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 13th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article

" 14th. Voted: That the Highway Surveyor direct where material may be dug for use within the limits of the highways.

" 15th. Voted: That the town do prohibit the riding of bicycles tricycles and other cycles on the sidewalks and other walks in the town, and that the Selectmen take measures to enforce the same.

" 16th. Voted: That the subject matter in this article be submitted to the Selectmen.

" 17th. Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to see where good gravel can be obtained, and what means should be adopted for procuring the same. Chose for said committee Wallace G. Nichols Albert S. Sampson and Moses E. Rowe.

" 18th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

The Committee chosen under Art. 23rd of Mar 4th in relation to the supervision of schools made an informal report; it was then Resolved, That it is the sence of this meeting that as a town we take steps as early as possible

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to avail ourselves of the provisions of Chap 431 of the acts of the year 1888 in regard to the supervision of schools.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

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Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and then may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Councillor for the eighth district; a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General, a District Attorney, a Senator for the fifth Middlesex district; a Sheriff for Middlesex County, For Commissioner of Insolvency, For a County Commissioner, For Special Commissioners, and for a Representative in the General Court for the twenty-ninth Middlesex district. All on one ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of Town affairs viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To hear any report which may be presented and act on the same as the town may determine.

" 3rd. To see if the town will vote to [illegible]

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Art 3rd To see as prices, as reported by the Selectmen.

" 4th To see if the town will vote to release all right, title and interest of any kind whatever in and to premises described in a deed now held by Joseph H. Johnson, said premises being a part of the estate owned by the late Erastus Aldrige, and formerly used by the town for a school house and lot.

" 5th To see if the town will accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the town treasury Oct 23rd 1889 by the heirs of the late L. B. Lewis, and hold same at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 315 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 6th By request of Henry Desmazes. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of members of the Hook and Ladder company.

" 7th To see if the town will take any action in relation to procuring fire escapes and other appliances for use in case of fires as required by law.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office, eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.
Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at or before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1889.

Oliver Lane } Selectmen of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford

Bedford Oct 28th 1889 I have served the above warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office, as directed. Samuel L. Lane Constable of Bedford.
A true copy Attest Charles A. Coren Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, Nov 5th 1884.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-
The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at 12 o'clock M.
Before the polls were opened the self-registering ballot-box was shown to be empty; it was then locked and the key to the bottom box given to the Constable in attendance.
After closing the polls the indicator on the ballot-box stood at 128 which agreed with the number of names checked on the list of voters, and also with the number of ballots found in the box.
The Selectmen appointed L. Marion Hartwell tellers, who was duly sworn by the town Clerk.
Voted, That the polls be closed at 4.50 o'clock P.M.

The Selectmen counted the ballots for State and County Officers and after closing the polls at the time specified all the ballots given in, which were voted, counted and recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed, and were for the following persons respectively:

For Governor

John D. D. Brackett	of Clinton	78
William E. Russell	of Cambridge	55
John Blackmer	of Springfield	5
Amos B. Cutler	of Bedford	1

Lieutenant Governor

William H. Haile	of Springfield	81
John H. Sargent	of Clinton	29
Benjamin F. Martland	of Boston	5
Abram E. Burns	of Bedford	1

Secretary

Henry B. Peirce	of Abington	81
William M. Osgood	of Boston	30
George D. Chittenden	of Buckland	2

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Treasurer and Receiver General

George A. Marden	of Lowell	82
Edwin L. Morse	of Holyoke	30
Frederick L. Wing	of Attleboro	2

Auditor

Charles A. Ladd	of Springfield	81
William D. T. Trafton	of Marblehead	30
William H. Olcott	of Boston	2

Attorney General

Andrew J. Waterman	of Pittsfield	30
Silas B. Maynard	of Springfield	29
Allen Coffin	of Newburyport	4

Councillor 5th Dist

Byron Tenney	of Lawrence	77
Charles J. Williams	of Salem	31
Amos E. Hall	of Lowell	3

District Attorney

Patrick H. Cooney	of Natick	88
Frank M. Thorndike	of "	9

Sheriff

Henry C. Cushing	of Lowell	77
John Howard Nason	of Woburn	4

County Commissioners

William S. Crosby	of Shrewsbury	77
John L. Hunt	of Lowell	29
Edwin L. Hill	of Shrewsbury	2

Special Commissioners

Lyman Dike	of Stoneham	73
Edward E. Thompson	of Woburn	75
George W. Byam	of Chelmsford	27
Marcellus H. Fletcher	of Lowell	24
Francis N. Bacheldor	of Cambridge	4
Peter H. Harwood	of Hudson	2

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Commissioner of Insolvency

George J. Burns	of	Ayer	11
Frederic T. Greenhalge	of	Lowell	70
John C. Kennedy	of	Newton	73
James H. Hammond	of	Lynn	25
George W. Heywood	of	Westford	30
Henry H. Mulligan	of	Fitchburg	21

Senator 5th Middlesex Dist.

Moses G. Palmer	of	Groton	73
James Skinner	of	Woburn	71
Quincy Adams	of	Townsend	3

Representative in General Court

Charles S. Wheeler	of	Lincoln	77
Andrew J. Harlow	of	Concord	33

Town Affairs.

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator

" 2nd No reports presented.

" 3rd The list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted according to law, was read,
Voted, That William B. Hughes and Samuel D. Prince be excused from serving on the list of jurors.
Voted: That the names of Charles H. Gray and Irving L. Hodgdon be added to the list.
Voted: That the jury list as amended be accepted.
The following is the list as amended:
Charles A. Ames William J. Brooks Moses G. Bowe
Elmer A. Lane Samuel G. Carter Gordon L. Davis
William Reed Morton Simonds Isaac E. Pitch
Dudley Hartford Charles C. Gray Winfield M.
Bowe Irving L. Hodgdon William H. Gordon and
Edward S. Keyes.

" 4th Voted: That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is

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Art 4th: authorized, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, to execute and deliver a good and sufficient deed, relinquishing all right, title and interest of any kind whatever, in and to the premises described in a deed now held by Joseph M. Johnson, said premises being a part of the estate owned by the late Hudson Cutting, and formerly used by the town for a school house and lot;

" 5th Voted: To accept the sum of Fifty Dollars deposited in the town treasury Nov 23rd, 1887 by the heirs of the late Shadderus H. Davis and allow interest at the rate of 4% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 315 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 6th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 7th Voted: That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take this article into consideration and to report at a future meeting. The Chairman appointed Henry Wood Jones, Hudson and Edwin H. Blake.

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 15th 1889.

This certifies that the whole number of ballots cast in the Middlesex and the District number nineteen for Representative in General Court was eleven hundred and fifty four, and were for the following persons, namely:

	Charles S. Wheeler of Lincoln	Andrew J. Hallar of Concord	
Concord	213	216	
Lexington	264	173	
Bedford	77	33	
Lincoln	63	46	
Billerica	32	40	
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Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 25th 1892

Middlesex S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said Town on Saturday the 25th day of January inst. at 7-15 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town affairs, viz:

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

" 2nd To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen to confer with the Town of Lexington for the government of Shawsheen Seminary, under article 21 of the warrant for the last March meeting, or do any thing in reference thereto,

" 3rd To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen to investigate and report in relation to better accommodations for our schools, under article 22 of said warrant, or do any thing in reference thereto.

" 4th To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen in reference to uniting with other towns in obtaining a supervisor for the Public Schools, under article 23 of said warrant; or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 5th To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen in relation to fixing the salaries of the town officers, under article 25 of said warrant, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 6th To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen at the April meeting in relation to the purchase of grave yards by the town, or do anything in relation to the same.

" 7th To see if the town will grant the Bedford Improvement Society, at cost, the addition to the platform in the Town House, recently constructed, or do any thing in relation thereto.

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Art. 8th To see if the town will do any thing in relation to a new Catalogue for the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 9th To hear and act upon any report of the Committee chosen to obtain a legal opinion as to the rights of the town in the Common, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 10th To see if the town will purchase one or more carloads of broken stone, to be used on the roads in the early spring, or take any action in the matter.

" 11th To see if the town will instruct the overseers of the Poor to pay bills as demanded by the towns of Holden and Berlin.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Post Office in said Bedford, eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town eight days before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 18th day of January A.D. 1890.

Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen
Edwin H. Blake } of Bedford.

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Jan 23rd 1890

I have served this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Post Office in said Bedford eight days before the said twenty fifth day of January, 1890 as within mentioned.

Edward A. Pierce Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest

Edwin F. Bacon Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Jan 25th 1890.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and under the authority of the town of Stoneham and said warrant the meeting was called to order as follows:

Art 1st Chose for Moderator Oliver J. Lane

" 2nd Mr Joseph H. Blake made a verbal report of the work done by the committee in procuring plans of lots in Shawsheen Cemetery. The favorable report of the committee was a satisfactory statement of the committee; which upon motion of Mr. Thompson was accepted and accepted.

" 3rd The committee presented their report which was read by Wallace P. Webber Chairman, (See report on file) Upon motion of Mr A. B. Simpson the town Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted, and that W. P. Webber O. J. Lane and G. T. Spaulding be chosen a committee to secure plans and estimates for the erection of such a building as would be suitable for the use of this town; also see where and at what price a suitable lot of land can be obtained, said committee to be authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and twenty five dollars, and report at a future meeting.

" 4th Rev Edwin Smith made a verbal report for the committee. The committee having visited five neighboring towns in which there are thirty one schools, report; that the towns of Billerica, Lincoln and Winchester are in favor of uniting with us for this purpose, Upon motion of Mr. C. F. Lunnis the town, Voted; That the report be accepted and that the committee have further time in which to investigate this matter.

" 5th The committee presented their report which was read by the J. T. Lunnis (See report on file)
Voted: That from and after the first day of February 1890, the compensation of the town officers hereinafter named be fixed at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem and of twenty five cents per hour for fractional days, for time actually employed in discharging the duties of their several

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Art. 5th officer, said payment to be made only upon their itemized bills, each showing the several dates of service and the number of hours spent on each day; said bills to be approved by the Selectmen before payment; this vote to apply to all service except in cases where such officers are otherwise paid by fees fixed by Statutes. This vote is to apply to the compensation of the following officials: Sextons, Keepers of Town, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Forest Firewards and Board of Health. The compensation of the Selectmen fifty dollars and the Chairman of the board seventy five dollars a year. Town Clerk fifty dollars a year, and Town Treasurer seventy five dollars a year.

6th. A committee formed their report which was read by Mr Sampson, (see report on file). Upon motion of Mr Loomis the time Voted, That the report be accepted and that the Committee have further time to act; Voted: That this committee be authorized to negotiate with the parties referred to in their report, and others, for the purchase of Mr Henry McKee gravel pit at the price stated by them and for a right of way to the same and to obtain deed to the town of the same. Also to obtain suitable control of the gravel or one acre of the Huckins gravel pit at the price stated; the same to be paid for out of any unappropriated balance in the Treasury.

7th Voted: That the town do purchase of the Improvement Society and the addition to the platform in the Town Hall recently constructed and the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same from money now in the Treasury.

8th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article; other arrangements having been made for the same.

9th To take some action upon any report of the Committee that is allowed to report in to the aid of the

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9th Town in the Common, or do any thing in relation thereto.
Mr Edwin B. Moore for the Committee, read the legal opinion of Charles Robinson of the law firm of Robinson and Blaney; of the rights of the town in the matter. (see paper on file). Upon motion of Mr. C. B. Wilson

Voted: That the committee upon the ownership of the common is hereby continued and instructed to confer with the proper officers of the Town Parish of Bedford for the purpose of establishing a basis for the equitable and permanent settlement of the question of the ownership of the common and to report at a future meeting of the town.

" 10th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 11th Voted: That the Overseers of the Poor are hereby instructed to tender to the town of Holden an amount of money equal to the bill demanded, less ten dollars.
Voted: That the claim demanded by the town of Berlin be referred to the Overseers for settlement.

Voted: That this meeting be now dissolved

A true record.
Attest Charles F. Wing Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 3rd 1890.

Middlesex S.S.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the third day of March next, at 9 o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:

Warrant for Town Meeting March 3rd 1890.

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To choose on one ballot all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

" 3rd To vote on the following question, viz:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes, or No. The ballots to be furnished by the Commonwealth, and to be distributed to voters under the direction of the Clerk.

" 4th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1889-90.

" 5th To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is or may be in the town treasury, to pay any part of the town debt.

" 6th To designate the time and manner of collecting taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

" 7th To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use

" 8th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 9th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

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Art 10th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the soldier's graves in the town, to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 11th To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 12th To see if the town will assume the control of the street lamps that are located on the public streets.

" 13th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps.

" 14th To see if the town will appropriate the balance of the money raised in 1888 for building cisterns, for the completion of the work.

" 15th To see if the town will vote to paint the Town Hall building the present year, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

" 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for repairs on the Town Farm buildings.

" 17th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the use of the Cemetery Committee.

" 18th To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the town treasury by the heirs of the late Charles W. Chamberlin and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lots No 123-24 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 19th To see if the town will vote to dispose of the Shawsheen Engine, and raise and appropriate one thousand dollars towards procuring a lighter one, or do any thing in relation thereto.

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Art. 20th By request of A. B. Sampson, To see if the town will adopt the statutes as contained in chapter 185 of the statutes of the year 1871, in relation to Road Commissioners, and also sections 14, 15, 16 & 17, of chapter 27 of Revised Statutes of 1882, and proceed to choice of Road Commissioners as ordered in said statutes.

" 21st To see whether the town will unite with Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Lincoln, Wilmington and Lexington, or with any one or more of them, to employ a Superintendent of Schools according to the provisions of chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, relating to the employment of such Superintendent; and raise and appropriate money therefor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post-Office, eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of the town of Bedford, at or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this 22nd day of February A.D. 1890.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of Bedford.
Nathan B. Smith }

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Feb 27th 1890.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of said meeting as within directed.

Edward W. Farrell
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest.

Town Meeting March 5th 1878.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant assembled the voters met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows;

Meeting organized at 9-30 A.M.

In the absence of the Clerk the town voted to proceed to the choice of a Clerk pro tem by ballot.

Chose Alvan E. Rowe is Clerk pro tem who was duly sworn.

Art. 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator by ballot and elect his

" 2nd Voted: To proceed to elect by one ballot the several town officers usually chosen by ballot, also all officers usually chosen by nomination, and that the polls for the election of the above officers be kept open until five o'clock P.M.

Voted: That the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit their ballots for School Committee.

After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

For Town Clerk, Charles A. Corey.

For Selectmen, Oliver J. Lane, William H. Smith & Lewis E. Blake

For Assessors, Oliver J. Lane, William H. Smith & Lewis E. Blake.

For Overseers of Poor, James Lane, George Hooker & Lewis E. Blake

For Treasurer, Charles A. Corey.

For Collector of Taxes, Charles A. Corey.

For Auditors, Wallace G. Webber & Wallace A. Caley.

For Constables, Edward H. Farrell, William H. Hooper & James H. Gilroy.

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Art. 2nd For School Committee for three years, Rev. Edwin Smith

For Park Commissioner for three years, Henry Wood.

For Trustee of Public Library for four years, Francis Rodman.

For Cemetery Committee for three years, Charles L. Wait.

For Funeral Undertaker, J. Newton Hartwell.

For Janitor of Town Hall, Samuel L. Lane.

For Field Drivers, James Gillooly, Edward J. Stratton, Frank P. Filch, Nathan B. Smith & George H. Rowe.

For Pound Keeper, J. Elmer Blake.

For Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles A. Gray, Charles H. Clark, Albert Jones, Charles C. Gray.

For Surveyors of Wood & Bark, Edward S. Chase, William H. Mudge, Charles C. Gray, George H. Rowe, Charles H. Clark, Amos B. Cutler, Willis P. Lane, Charles A. Gray & Daniel E. Haynes.

For Weigher of Grain, Charles H. Clark, Charles C. Gray, Daniel E. Haynes.

For Fence Viewers, Board of Selectmen.

For Measurers of Town Farm Wood, Albert J. Sampson, Dudley Hatfield & Charles L. Wait.

For Committee on Piano, Albert J. Bacon, Francis Rodman, Albert J. Sampson, Henry Wood & Samuel L. Lane.

" 3rd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same, and in taking said vote the check-list shall be used. Before the

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Art. 3rd. Polls were opened the self-registering ballot-box was examined and shown to be empty; it was then locked and the keys given to the Constable, Edward Farrell.
After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that ninety eight ballots had been cast, as follows: Yes 9, No 89.

" 4th. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year viz:

For support of Schools	$2500.
" Text-books and School Supplies	250.
" Roads and Bridges	1600.
" Incidentals and Removal of Snow	1000.
" Support of Poor	1400.
" Interest on Town Debts	950.
" Deficiencies	900.
" Fire Department	375.
" Soldiers Relief Fund	100.
" Repairs of, and building Sidewalks	200.

Voted: That the money appropriated for sidewalks be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.
Voted: That the sum of sixty one dollars, unexpended balance of appropriation for Town Hall, be continued for the present year. $61.

Voted: That the sum of fifty dollars be raised and appropriated to be expended on a piece of road between Clark's meadow and E. L. Hall's Evergreen Home. $50.

" 5th. Voted: To appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars from any money that is, or may be in the treasury, for the payment of town debt. $1000.

" 6th. Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the years 1878-80. and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-quarter of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

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Art. 7th Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be, and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 8th Voted: That the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 9th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library. $150.

" 10th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers graves in the town. Voted: That it be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Joseph H. Goodwin. $50.

" 11th Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 12th Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

" 13th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the care of and lighting street lamps. $350.

" 14th Voted: That the balance of one hundred and four $\frac{85}{100}$ raised in 1888 for the purpose of building cisterns be continued for the same purpose during the coming year. $104.85

" 15th Voted: To appropriate from money that now is or may be in the treasury the sum of two hundred dollars for painting the outside of the Town House, and that it be applied by the same committee that had charge of painting the house, viz: Andrew J. Crosby, Edwin A. Caldwell and Chas. J. Lane. $200.

" 16th Voted: That the assessors of this town be authorized to

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" 16th Voted: That the sum of [illegible] be taken from the appropriation now made for the support of poor.

" 17th Voted: That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated from funds that are or may be in the treasury for the use of the Trustees of the Shawsheen Cemetery. $50.

" 18th Voted: That the town do accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the town treasury by the heirs of the late Phineas W. Chamberlin and allow interest at the rate of 5 % per annum, the income thereof to be used for the care of lots No 123 & 124 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 19th Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to investigate as to opening the Tewksbury Engine and that the sum of twenty five dollars be appropriated from funds that are or may be in the treasury for this use. that said committee report at a future meeting. Chose Charles F. Ford, John E. Clark and Madison V. Weber as said committee. $25.

" 20th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 21st Voted: That the town do adopt article 21. and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose, and that the same committee be continue in service until a district is formed. $150.

" 22 Voted: That where we have charge of the highway, the assessors of your district be requested to expend from Wells Springs to the Wauwesuke road that the sum of one hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose. $100.

Resolves

Whereas the Selectmen chosen at the town meeting in March 1889 have seen no good reason in the preparation of the Year book now before us, therefore

Resolved; That we the voters of this town in town meeting assembled do hereby testify our appreciation of their labors in compiling this valuable publication: and further Resolved: that a copy of these resolutions

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with our action thereon be placed upon the records of the town and that copies be also forwarded to Wallace A. Webster and Wallace A. Ralph the auditors of the town.

Whereas the town of Bedford owes a debt of gratitude to Mr George Johnson of Concord for an alphabetical register of the Births Marriages and Deaths in this town during its early years, and believing that it is never to late to repair an over-sight; therefore
Resolved; That we the voters of the town, do hereby testify our appreciation of the gratuitous service and extend to Mr Johnson our sincere gratitude, and be it further Resolved; That a copy of the above with our action thereon be placed upon the records of the town, and also forwarded to Mr Johnson of Concord.

Whereas the increasing years make it difficult to consult reports that are filed in the archives of the town, therefore Resolved; That it is the sense of this meeting, that in the future, all reports of committees and resolves that do not appear in the annual town book shall be copied into a book that shall be kept for that purpose by the Town Clerk.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, Resolved; That we tender a vote of thanks to Joseph H. Goodwin for the capable and efficient manner in which he has performed the part of the duties devolving on the committee in the reorganization of the affairs of the Cemetery.

The committee on fire escapes made a report which was accepted and the committee discharged.

Voted; That all reports made in the town book be accepted.

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Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall [illegible] Tuesday the 4th day of November next at 12 o'clock noon, [illegible] will be opened, (and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth; a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General; an Auditor [illegible] an Attorney General; a Council for the 6th district; a Senator for the 5th Middlesex District; a Representative in Congress for the 6th Congressional District; a County Commissioner for Middlesex County; a Representative in the General Court for the 19th District: Also to act on the following articles of Amendment to the Constitution: Viz= 12th Amendment to the Constitution to [illegible] the disfranchisement of persons by reason of a criminal sentence without the Commonwealth, Yes or No, 2nd Amendment to the Constitution relating to soldiers and sailors exercising the right of franchise: Yes or No. All the above to be on one ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs: Viz:-

Art. 1st To choose a moderator for said meeting.

" 2nd To hear any reports which may be presented to said meeting, and take such action on the same as the voters may determine.

" 3rd To see if the town will accept a list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen,

" 4th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to [illegible]

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Art. 1st Additional Jury, recently laid by the town of Medford.

" 2d Petition of E. M. Wadsworth: To see if the town will make provision concerning Political Discussions in accordance with the Order of 1890. Chap 202, Sec 1.

" 3d To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of 200.00 for use of highways and bridges the present year

" 4th To see if the town will accept the sum of $100.00 offered to the town June 13th by Charles H. Hartwell, and allow interest at the rate of 5 o/o per annum on the same, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 260 in Stoneham Cemetery.

" 5th To see if the town will accept the sum of $100.00 deposited with the town treasurer June 13th by the heirs of Joseph Hartwell, and allow interest at the rate of 5 o/o per annum on the same, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot No 27 in Stoneham Cemetery.

" 6th To see if the town will vote to prohibit the smoking of tobacco in any part of the Town House.

" 7th To see if the town will take any action in relation to furnishing a suitable building in which to keep the town records and other books and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the purpose

" 8th To see if the town will make a grant of money to be used towards the present fair, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 9th To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars for the purpose of painting and renovating the walls and floors in the town hall.

" 10 To see what action the town will take in relation to the suit brought against the town by Barker & Butler

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Art 13 [illegible]

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post-Office [illegible] days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen [illegible] the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 25th day of October A.D. 1890.

[illegible]
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford
Edwin H. Clarke }

Middlesex ss.

[illegible]
Post-Office and also one at the Town Hall, seven days before the said fourth day of November 1890 as within directed.
[illegible]

Attest Charles A. Tracy Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warr[illegible] of the [illegible] and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:— The selectmen opened the polls for State and [illegible] officers at 12 o'clock M.

[illegible]
to the voters top given to the voters [illegible]
At the opening of the polls and before [illegible]
After closing the polls the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
and cards of instruction were publicly broken and the package opened by the [illegible] Officer. The ballots given to the Ballot-officer. The cards of instruction and specimen ballots were p[illegible] directed by Sec 18th Chap 413. Acts of 1889.
The Selectmen appointed I Newton Hartwell Teller who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.
[illegible]
The Selectmen received the ballots for State and County officers, and after closing the polls [illegible] time specified, all the ballots given in there [illegible] were sorted, counted and recorded, and declar[illegible] thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following persons, namely, -

For Governor

John D. A. Brackett of Arlington	83 Votes
William E. Russell of Cambridge	48 "
[illegible]	5 "

[illegible] Governor

William H. Haile of Springfield	[illegible] "
[illegible]	44 "
[illegible]	3 "

For Secretary

William M. Olin of Boston	83 "
Elbridge Cushman of Lakeville	45 "
George D. Cirdenden of Buckland	7 "

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible] "
[illegible]	[illegible] "
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible] "
[illegible]	[illegible] "
[illegible]	[illegible]

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For Attorney General

Albert E. Pillsbury	of Boston	[illegible]
Elisha B. Maynard	of Springfield	44 "
Walcott Hamlin	of Amherst	4 "

For Representative in Congress 8th Dist.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moses T. Stevens	of North Andover	46 "
Nathaniel A. Gliddon	of Chelmsford	2 "

[illegible]

Byron Trull	of Lawrence	[illegible] "
George W. Heywood	of Westford	[illegible] "
George Pillsbury	of Tewksbury	3 "

For County Commissioner

J. Henry Read	of Westford	81 "
Stephen B. Buffer	of Lowell	43 "
Rufus K. Underhill	of Billerica	4 "

For Senator 5th Middlesex Dist.

Edwin F. Wyer	of Woburn	81 "
Mark C. Pelch	of Woburn	44 "
Hiram Whitford	of Woburn	3 "

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] "
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] "

[illegible] disfranchisement of voters because of a change of residence within the [illegible] months. [illegible] No. 12 Voters.

[illegible] voters exercising the right of franchise, Yes, 54 Votes; No, 8 Votes.

Town Officers.

[illegible]

Voted 1st [illegible]

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[illegible] Voted: [illegible] articles.

" 3rd " Voted: That the Town proceed to examine from meeting on the list of jurors as presented by the Selectmen and [illegible] the same [illegible] to retain Grounds,
Voted: That the list as amended be accepted, viz:

List of Jurors.

Albert T. Brown Edwin H. Blake [illegible] Hiram [illegible] Swing Hodgdon John Rolland Edward [illegible] Henry Lyons Oliver J. Lane Andrew J. L. Cass John McGovern [illegible] Thompson Nathan B. Smith [illegible]

" 4th " Voted: That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow on the credit of three thousand dollars to refund a part of the railroad debt recently held by the town of Medford.

" 5th " Voted: To substitute the following by-laws for those adopted April 3rd 1882.

By-Laws concerning truant children in the town of Bedford.

Adopted by the town at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said town Tuesday Nov. 1st 1870.

Sec. 1st The town of Bedford doth avail itself of the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force, relating to truant children and absentees from school, and in furtherance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following by-laws.

Sec. 2nd Any children between the age of five and fifteen years, residing in said town, who shall be found wandering about the streets and public places in said town, not lawful employed or attending school, and having no proper guardian or home, shall be [illegible] before the Selectmen, for conference and such action and disposition.

Sec. 3rd The truant officers shall be authorized

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Art. 5th annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws and of the laws relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts [illegible] Art. 4th [illegible] to modify and amend, or abolish prior votes, also his parent or guardian, of the offense committed, and the penalty [illegible] satisfactory pledge for the future [illegible] of the child, he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute, so long as such pledge are faithfully kept.—"

Art. 5th "It shall be the duty of the school committee, the truant officer, and [illegible] to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

Art. 6th "It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a true record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall [illegible] the same with their own report.

Art. 7th "Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to [illegible] and to preserve good order and discipline."

Voted: To appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars [illegible]

Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited with the town treasurer by Executors C. Barlwell [illegible] interest at the rate of five % per annum [illegible] used for care of lot number 260 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited with the town treasurer, and allow interest to the [illegible]

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Art. 8th Sum to be used for the care of lots numbered 2413 & 2414 in Shawsheen Cemetery owned by the heirs of Jonathan Harlowe.

" 9th Voted; That the town do prohibit the smoking of tobacco in any form in the Town Hall.

" 10th Voted: Not to build a building as asked for in the art.

" 11th Voted: To appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars for repairs to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen. Provided the abutters assume one-half of the expense of the same.

" 12th Voted: To appropriate the sum of fifty dollars from [illegible] for the purpose of repainting and [illegible] the west side of the interior in the Town Hall.

" 13th Voted: That the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to defend the town in the suit brought by Herbert E. Butler through Edward A. Butler.
Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to employ counsel to defend the same.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles H. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 14th 1890.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative district nominating Representative in General Court at the election held this day was as follows for the following persons: namely:-

Richard R. Barrett of Concord Arthur H. Jewett of Lexington

Concord	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lexington	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington	[illegible]	[illegible]

Warrant for Town Meeting Jan 24th 1891.

Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of the town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall on Saturday Jan 24th inst. at 7-15 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear the report of the committee appointed to consider the subject of building a new school-house, and act in any manner relating thereto.

" 3rd To see if the town will vote to build a new school house at the centre of the town and purchase a site therefor, or act in any manner relating thereto.

" 4th To see if the town will borrow money or incur indebtedness, and if so in what manner, for the purpose of building a new school-house at the centre village and purchasing land therefor or act in any manner relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Bedford at or before time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this sixteenth day of January A.D. 1891.

Elvin J. Lane } Selectmen of
Edwin H. Blake } Bedford.

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Middlesex ss.

Bedford Jan 15th 1891.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office seven days before the said 24th day of Jan 1891 as within directed.

E. N. Farrell Constable of Bedford,

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st. Chose by ballot and use of check list, Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd The Committee presented the following report which was accepted by the meeting and placed on file,

Report of Committee on Plans and Estimate for New School Building.

At a regularly called town meeting held January 25th 1890, the following vote was passed upon motion of Albert P. Tompson, Esq:- Voted: That W. G. Webber O. J. Lane and C. F. Spaulding be chosen a Committee to secure plans and estimates for the erection of such a school building as would be suitable for the use of this town, also to see where and at what price a suitable lot of land can be obtained; said Committee to be authorized to expend a sum of money not exceeding $125. and report at a future meeting.

On this vote was passed upon the recommendation of a committee of ten appointed by the town at a

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previous meeting to investigate, and report as to the advisability of providing better accomodation for our schools and as the said committee, after a thorough investigation of the matter, unanimously reported that the best interests of our schools demand a new school building and as the town unanimously voted to carry out the recommendation of the said committee, which was to appoint your present committee, we take it for granted that the town fully realizes its need of a new building and simply desires us to report what we, after investigating, find to be the expense of such a building and where it should be located.

Upon these points your committee would respectfully report as follows:-

Feeling the importance of the duty laid upon us, we have tried to make as thorough investigation of the matter as possible both by visiting school buildings and other places and by consulting persons interested in the subject and, as a result of our labor, we recomend the plans herewith submitted drawn by Messrs. E. K. & N. C. Blakie, Architects, 194 Washington St. Boston. These plans have been examined and approved by members of the State Board of Education and one member of the Board went so far as to say that he considered it the model plan for a four room school building.

As all new school buildings must, in accordance with a recent law, be approved before erection by the State Board of Building Inspection, your committee thought it best to submit the plans to them before presenting them to the town. This has been done and we are able to report that the plans herewith recommended meet all the requirements in the matter of Heating, Ventilating, Sanitary arrangements and safety in case of fire.

Now we come to the vital question. That is, the expense of such a building.

Your committee would report that they had several

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experienced builders estimate on it and find that it will probably cost all completed, about nine thousand dollars.
This possibly may be a larger sum than some had expected a new school building would cost; but if you will examine the plans you will see that they provide not only for the present needs but are large enough to provide for the probable growth for many years to come, there being four rooms with a capacity of fifty scholars each.

Location.

To procure at a reasonable price a piece of land on high ground, near the centre of the village and so located as to afford good light, is not an easy task. Mrs Lawrence refused to sell at any price the lot on the corner of Main and Spring St.
Mr Fletcher would not sell on Fletcher Ave, for school purposes but would sell at ten cents per square foot, land on Spring St., fronting the old Burying Ground. The entire lot has a frontage on Spring St. of 292 feet and is 158 feet deep, containing about 48000 square feet, or a little more than one acre and costing $4800. Your committee feel that this sum is more than the town can afford to pay for a school site and, even if the whole lot were taken, it is so narrow that it would be impossible for the children to play many of their games without going into the street as at present, a thing which should be avoided if possible.
The only other available lot which your committee have been able to find is what is called the "Hine lot". This land is held in trust for a Mr Frank Libby of Washington, D.C. Your committee have seen and correspondent with Mr. Libby and the trustees and have reasons to believe that the land can be purchased for about the assessed valuation which is $900.
This land is situated in the rear of what is known as the "stable grounds" and has a right-

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of way across the same, commencing at the rear of the stable grounds, the lot has a depth of 430 feet running in a north westerly direction by land of Miss Caroline Pitch, it then turns and runs in a south westerly direction nearly to the railroad and contains about fifteen acres. Your committee would recommend that the town purchase the above described lot and retain for school purposes the upper field as it is now walled off, being a lot about 430 by 405. containing about four acres. The remaining eleven acres could probably be sold to some of the adjoining owners. In this way we feel the town would procure at a very reasonable price, a suitable location for a school building and at the same time provide for the scholars and the youth of the town what every community needs, viz;- a good play ground. The advantages of this location are; 1st. Plenty of room, 2nd High ground, 3rd Good light and air, 4th. Sunny and still off the main street, where the children will not be a disturbance to any one. A building located on this land could be seen plain a from Main St, it being directly back of Mr C. A. Wood's estate. We also find for persons living north and west of the Bedford House and also for those on South St, it would be only 300 feet, and for those on Spring and Main St, east of the common, it would be one about 500 feet, further from the present school building.

In conclusion your committee respectfully recommend, That the town proceed to build at once upon a suitable site a school house of wood having not less than four recitation rooms, in accordance with the general recommendation of this report, such building to cost, including grading, not more than nine thousand dollars. Wallace G. Webber
Oliver J. Lane C. F. Spaulding.

Art. 14. Voted: That the town proceed to build at once upon a suitable site a school house of wood

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having not less than four recitation rooms, in accordance with the general recommendation of the committee's report, such building to cost, including grading, not more than nine thousand dollars.

Voted: That the site recommended in the committee's report be purchased at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Voted: That a committee, to be chosen as this meeting shall direct, and known as the Building Committee, be authorized in behalf of the town to make all necessary arrangements and take all action required to carry out effectually the foregoing votes, and for that purpose such committee shall have full power and authority to make all necessary contracts in relation to the purchase of said site and the erection of the building.

Chose for said committee Wallace G. Webber Oliver J. Lane Wallace A. Cole Rev Edwin Smith Edwin H. Blake.

Art 4th Voted: That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum for a term not exceeding ten years, the same to be entitled the School House loan. And the proceeds of the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose of a new school house and purchasing the site therefor in accordance with the foregoing vote of the town.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record

Attest. Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2nd 1891.

Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of the Town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the second day of March next, at 9. o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd " To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, The polls to be kept open for the voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

" 3rd " To vote on the following question, Viz:-
Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No. The ballots to be furnished by the Commonwealth and to be distributed to voters under the direction of the Clerk.

" 4th " To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same, Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1890-91.

" 5th " To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 6th " To see if the town will raise money by taxation, or appropriate any money that is ~~or may~~ be in the Treasury to pay any part of the town debt.

" 7th " To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

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Art. 8th. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

" 10th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200. for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 11th. To see if the town will raise a sum of money sufficient for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers Graves in the town, and for the proper observance of Memorial day, the same to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 12th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $375. for the care of and lighting street lamps.

" 13th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 14th. To see if the town will appropriate the unexpended balance for sidewalks for last year, for grading and repairing sidewalks the ensuing year.

" 15th. To see if the town will accept the sum of $50. deposited in the town treasury Nov 4th 1890, by Lucy Ann Hartwell, and allow interest at the rate of 5 % per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 341 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 16 To see if the town will accept and allow the laying out of a town way from near the house of Charles L. Ward to Lexington line, as reported by the Selectmen March 4th 1889.

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Art 17th To see if the town will accept and allow, (and vote to build under the conditions offered by Dr W. R. Hayden,) the laying out of a town way from the Railroad, near near the Bedford Spring Station, through land of Dr Hayden, Joshua Jackson, and Hiram L. Dutton, to the highway, known as North Avenue, near the North School-house, as per Selectmen's report.

" 18th To see if the town will take any action in relation to having the bounds of the principal highways established by the proper authorities,

" 19th To see if the town will appoint a committee to act in reference to its claim against the Town Treasurer for 1890 for money stolen from his possession, or do any thing in relation to the said claim,

" 20th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended in caring for the old burying ground.

" 21st To see if the town will fix the salary of the Assessors at the sum of $40. per year each,

" 22nd To see if the town will take any action towards securing copies of the histories of the various towns for the Public Library.

" 23rd To see if the town will take any action in relation to reorganizing the Fire Department, and adopting a code of by-laws for the government of the same,

" 24th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $50. to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for fertilizer, and for trimming trees on the Town's Common,

" 25 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200, for the purpose of concreting sidewalks, provided the abutters will assume one half the expense of the same,

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And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office, eight days at least, before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Thereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 20th day of February A.D. 1891.

Oliver J. Lane
Nathan B. Smith } Selectmen of Bedford.
Edwin H. Blake

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Bedford Feb 20th 1891.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and also one at the Post Office, eight days before the said 2nd day of March 1891, as within directed.

E. W. Farrell Constable

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. Viz.

Art. 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of a Town Clerk; three Selectmen; three Assessors; three Overseers of the Poor; a Town Treasurer; one Collector of Taxes; three Constables; ~~two~~ Auditors; one member of the School Committee, for the term of three years; one Funeral Undertaker; one Janitor of the Town Hall;

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one Trustee of the Public Library, for a term of four years, and that they be all voted for together on one ballot, by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same, and that said vote be taken by use of the check-list. also, that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit their votes for School Committee,

The moderator appointed J. Newton Hartwell and Henry Desmazes as tellers to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and they were sworn by the clerk.

After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

For Selectmen and Assessors,
Oliver J. Lane, Dudley Hartford, Irving L. Hodgdon,

For Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes,
Charles A. Corey,

For Overseers of the Poor.
Jonas Melvin, William H. Mudge, George M. Parker.

For Auditors.
Wallace G. Webber Wallace A. Caley.

For Constables.
Edward W. Farrell James H. Gilloly William H. Mudge

For School Committee for three years, Rev James A. Galloway,

For Park Commissioner for three years, Dr Stephen A. Wood.

For Trustee of Public Library for four years, Abram E. Brown,

For Cemetery Committee for three years, Jonas Melvin.

For Funeral Undertaker, J. Newton Hartwell.

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For Janitor of Town Hall, Samuel L. Lane.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large:

For Fire Wardens.

James H. Gillooly, Edward J. Skelton, Frank P. Filch, Nathan B. Smith, George H. Howe.

For Pound Keeper, A. Elmer Blake.

For Surveyors of Lumber.

Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles A. Corey, Charles H. Clark, Oliver J. Lane, Charles C. Corey, Charles E. Park,

Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

Seward S. Chase, William H. Mudge, Charles C. Corey, George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, James B. Cutler, Willis C. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles F. Spaulding.

Weighers of Grain.

Charles H. Clark, Charles C. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes,

Fence Viewers.

Oliver J. Lane, Nathan B. Smith, Edwin H. Blake.

Appraisers of Town Farm Stock.

Moses Simpson, Dudley Hartford, Charles L. Wade

Piano Committee.

Grant T. Bacon, Francis Rodman, Albert P. Simpson, Henry Wood, Samuel L. Lane.

Art 3rd. Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until five o'clock, P.M. for the deposit of the same, and in taking said vote the check-list shall be used.

Before opening the polls the registering ballot-box was shown to be empty; it was then locked and the

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Key given to the Constable Edward H. Farrell.
After closing the polls at the time specified the register on the ballot box showed 135. And on counting the ballots, it was found that 135 had been cast as follows:-
Yes 4. No 131.

Art 4th Voted; To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuring year:-

For the support of Schools and Superintendent of Schools,	$2600.00
" Text-Books and School Supplies,	250.00
" Roads and Bridges,	2200.00
" Incidentals and Removal of Snow,	1000.00
" Support of Poor,	1400.00
" Interest,	950.00
" Deficiencies,	600.00
" Soldiers Relief Fund,	100.00
" Fire Department	400.00

" 5th Voted; That the town adopt the same method as last year for the repairs of roads and bridges.

" 6th Voted; That the amount received during the year from Bank and Corporation Tax be appropriated for payment of town debt.

" 7th Voted; That we adopt the same method as last year for the collection of taxes, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 8th Voted; That the Collector of Taxes be and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th Voted; That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for.

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Art. 10th Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of $200. for the use of the Bedford Free Public Library.

" 11th Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of $50. for the purpose of decorating the Soldiers Graves in the town, and for the proper observance of Memorial day, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

" 12th Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of $375. for the care of, and lighting street lamps.

" 13th Voted; To appropriate the money received for dog licenses, for the support of the Public Library.

" 14th Voted; To appropriate the unexpended balance for sidewalks last year, for grading and repairing sidewalks the ensuing year, and for concreting provided the abuttors assume one-half of the expense of the same.
Voted; That persons desiring to avail themselves of the above vote in relation to concreting, notify the Selectmen before June 1st 1891.

" 15th Voted; That the town do accept the sum of $50. deposited in the town treasury by Mrs Lucy Ann Warwell, and pay interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from Nov 4th 1890, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 341 in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 16th Voted; To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 17th Voted; That a committee be chosen to confer with Mr Hayden and see if he will furnish plans and profile of the proposed street and ascertain what the expense of building the same including land damage would be. Chose Chas J. Lane Nathan B. Smith Edwin H. Blake.

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Art. 18th Voted; That the Selectmen be requested to apply to the County Commissioners to establish the bounds of the principal highways in the town, for which they find the same can be done without expense to the town.

" 19th Voted; To appoint a committee to act in reference to its claim against the town Treasurer for 1890, for money stolen from his possession. Wallace G. Webber Wallace A. Caleff. Oliver J. Lane were so appointed.
Voted; That said committee be and hereby are authorized to settle said claim for the sum of one dollar.

" 20th Voted; That the Cemetery Committee be authorized to expend the sum of $10. from the cemetery fund for the care of the old burying ground.

" 21st Voted; That the town fix the salary of the Assessors at $40. per year each.

" 22nd Voted; That the President of the Free Public Library be a committee to confer with the several towns in relation to the matter contained in this article, and report at a future meeting.

" 23rd Voted; To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 24th Voted; To raise and appropriate the sum of $50. to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for fertilizer, and for trimming trees on the Town's Common.

" 25th Voted; To indefinitely postpone this article.

Resolved; That the Selectmen be requested to put an article in the warrant for the next town meeting, to see if the town will adopt the Australian Ballot System.
Voted; That the report of the several town officers be accepted. Voted; That this meeting be now dissolved.
A true record Attest

Charles A. Cory Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 25th

Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford. Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the 25th day of April inst, at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see what action the town will take in relation to the suit brought against the town by the First Parish.

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for a stone watering trough to be placed near the elm tree at the north east corner of the hotel.

" 4th To see if the town will vote to remove the Pound from its present location or take any action in relation to the matter.

" 5th To see if the town will vote to sell the North and South school buildings with the land belonging to each, or do any thing relating to the same.

" 6th To see if the town will take any action in relation to a claim brought against the town by Frank Graham.

" 7th To see if the town will vote to pay $1.75 for ten hours labor for one man or one horse on the roads the current year.

Art. 8th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding $75.00 for a building for the road machine, and other tools belonging to the town.

" 9th To hear the report of the committee chosen at the annual March meeting to confer with D. W. R. Hayden in relation to laying out and building a town road, as reported by the selectmen at said meeting, and act on the report as the town may determine.

" 10th To see what action the town will take in the way of rebuilding the "waste water bridge" near Staples' mill.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Post Office seven days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the clerk of said town, at or before the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this seventeenth day of April A. D. 1891.

Calvin F. Low
Irving L. Hayden
Dudley Hartford } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford April 18th 1891.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office seven days before the said 25th day of April 1891, as within directed.

E. H. Farrar
Constable

A true copy
Attest. Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 25th 1891.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:

Art. 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd " Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that we do not enter into any discussion of the subject of the proprietorship of the common but proceed, when the proper article is reached, in due course, to choose a committee in behalf of the town, to employ counsel, and take all necessary steps to secure the right of the town in said common, in the proper courts of law, based on known facts, accessible to all and every one.

Voted: That the same committee before appointed in reference to the town's common be continued with instructions to make the offer in writing to the first parish that the town will relinquish its title to the common, provided that it can be legally assured that the common will always remain open as at present; and if such offer is not reasonably accepted to take such steps as are necessary or proper to protect the rights of the town.

" 3rd. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 for the purpose of placing a stone watering trough as asked for in this article, and that E. H. Blake R. S. Webber & D. Hartford be a committee to carry into effect the above vote.

" 4th " Voted: That the location of the town's pound be removed from its present position and that the barn yard at the town farm be maintained as a town pound instead thereof.

" 5th Voted: That the Selectmen for the current year be a committee authorized to sell the North

and South school houses and the lots of land connected therewith and empowered to execute, acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deeds thereof in behalf of the Town.

Art. 6th. Voted: That the matter contained in this article be referred to the Selectmen.

" 7th. Voted: That the town do pay $1.75 for ten hours work of a horse and cart on the roads the current year.
Voted: To pay $1.75 for ten hours labor of a man on the roads the current year, at the discretion of the Highway Surveyor.

" 8th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 9th. Voted: That the committee have further time to investigate and to report at a future meeting.

" 10th. Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1891.

Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town House in said town, on Tuesday the third day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened, and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, an Attorney General of the Commonwealth, a Councellor for the 5th district, a Senator for the 5th Middlesex district, a Clerk of the Courts, a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a County Treasurer, a Register of Deeds for the Southern Middlesex district, a Representative to the General Court from the 19th district.

Also to vote on the following articles of amendment to the Constitution.

Art 1st. Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the general court be approved and ratified? Yes or No

Art 2nd. Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the qualification of voters for governor lieutenant governor, senators and representatives, be approved and ratified? Yes or No.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs: Viz:-

Art- 1st- To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will accept a list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

3rd To see if the town will accept the sum of One hundred dollars deposited in the town treasury Oct 14th by Emmette M. Clark, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be expended in the care of lot No 73 and the borders and walks around the same in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 4th To see if the town will appropriate the money received from the sale of the North and South school houses and land belonging with the same for furniture for the new school house.

" 5th To see if the town will and appropriate the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to defray the expense of covering the water course on Lowell street, the waste water bridge near Stapleh's mill, the rebuilding of the culvert for the outlet of Swan Lake on Spring St, and a culvert across Sage Street near Sawyer's grove.

" 6th To see if the town will take any action in relation to grubbing the brush or underwood across the local common grounds the present year.

Now you are hereby to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of the meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1871.

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex ss.

Bedford Oct 24th 1871. I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Post Office, eight days before the said 3rd day of Nov 1871 as within directed.

E. M. Russell, Constable of Bedford

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1891.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-
The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers at 12 o'clock M.
Before the polls were opened the self-registering ballot-box was shown to be empty, and the register showed 000; it was then locked and the key to the lower box given to the Police Officer in attendance.
After closing the polls at the time specified the register showed that sixty six ballots had been cast, but one hundred and forty nine ballots were found in the box and agreed with the number of names checked on the list of voters and the list used by the ballot-clerk.
The seals of the package containing the general and specimine ballots was publicly broken and the package opened by the presiding officer and the ballots given to the ballot clerks.
The cards of instruction and specimine ballots were posted as directed by Chap 413 Sec 18 Acts of 1889.
The Selectmen appointed as tellers Rev George F. Piper, John McGovern, and Frederic A. Cutter who were duly sworn by the presiding officer.

Voted; That the polls be closed at 4-35 o'clock P.M. for the choice of State Officers.

The Selectmen received the ballots for State and County Officers, and articles of amendment to the Constitution.

After closing the polls at the time specified, all the ballots given in choice were sorted, counted and recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following persons, namely:

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Governor.

Charles H. Allen of Lowell	ninety seven	Votes
Charles E. Kimball of Lynn	four	"
Harry W. Robinson of Boston	one	"
William E. Russell of Cambridge	forty two	"
Henry Winn of Malden	one	"
Blanks	four	

Lieutenant Governor.

John W. Corcoran of Clinton	thirty seven	"
William H. Haile of Springfield	ninety five	"
Augustus R. Smith of Lee	four	"
Blanks	thirteen	

Secretary

Elbridge Cushman of Lawrence	thirty four	"
William M. Olin of Boston	ninety	"
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield	four	"
Edward W. Theinert of Holyoke	one	"
Blanks	twenty	

Treasurer.

Charles Faircle of Boston	three	"
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	thirty three	"
George D. Harden of Lowell	ninety	"
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	three	"
Blanks	twenty	

Auditor.

William O. Armstrong of Boston	six	"
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	ninety two	"
William D. T. Tagey of Marblehead	thirty three	"
Blanks	eighteen	

Attorney General.

Walcott Hamlin of Amherst	four	"
Herbert McIntosh of Worcester	one	"
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston	eighty nine	"
George M. Stearns of Chicopee	thirty two	"

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Councillor.

William B. de las Casas of Malden	thirty five	Vote.
Chas A. Loring of Melrose	ninety	"
George Fitzberry of Lawrence	four	"
Blanks	twenty	

Clerk of Courts.

Theodore C. Hurd of Winchester	eighty four	"
Blanks	Sixty five	

County Commissioner.

Stephen B. Ruffin of Lowell	thirty three	"
William B. Savage of Somerville	five	"
Samuel C. Upham of Waltham	eighty six	"
Blanks	twenty five	

County Treasurer.

Joseph G. Ball of Cambridge	four	"
Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville	eighty eight	"
Alfred L. Hoitt of Arlington	thirty two	"
Blanks	twenty five	

Register of Deeds.

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge	ninety four	"
Blanks	fifty five	

Senator 5th Middlesex Dist;

James L. Harriman of Newton	thirty two	"
Edwin Wilford of Woburn	nine	"
Edwin F. Hyer of Woburn	eighty three	"
Blanks	twenty five	

Representative in General Court - 19th Dist;

Richard F. Barrett of Concord	ninety three	"
George Ropes of Lincoln	thirty four	"
Blanks	twenty two	

Amendments to the Constitution

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1891.

Art 1st Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for governor, lieutenant-governor, senators and representatives be approved and ratified? Yes 39. No. 38. Blanks 72.

Art 2nd Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to making a majority of members a quorum in each branch of the general court be approved and ratified? Yes. 63. No. 12. Blanks 74.

Town Affair.

Art 1st Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the following list of persons as presented by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors be accepted. William Adams, John Butterfield, Edwin A. Butters, Charles H. Clark, Bradford Clark, John Carlisle, Norbert M. English, Charles L. Flint, Matthew R. Fletcher, Frank Hammewell, Irving L. Hodgdon, John Kavanagh, Charles A. Lyons, Benjamin F. Mills and Albert C. Simpson.

" 3rd Voted: That the town do accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the town treasury by Annette M. Clark Oct 14th and allow interest at the rate of 5 % per annum, the income of said sum to be expended in the care of lot No 93 and the borders and walks around the same in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 4th Voted: That the sums received from the sale of the north and south school houses and the lots on which they stood, be applied for the purchase of furniture for the new school house and that the said sums be expended under the direction of the building committee.

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1891.

Art 5th Voted: That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from any unexpended money in the treasury, to defray the expense of covering the water course on Bremer Street; the waste-water bridge near Staples' mill, the rebuilding the culvert for the outlet of Fawn Lake on Spring Street, and a culvert across Page Street near Taylors' place.

" 6th Voted: That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated from any unexpended balance in the treasury, for the purpose of filling holes in the roadway across the back common ground.

Resolved; That the Selectmen be requested to take suitable measures to procure the erection of gates with agents to open and close the same at proper times by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, or their lessees, for the protection of the public, at the grade crossings of Main St, Lewis' St, Spring St and Concord St; by the said Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, in this town.

Voted; That this meeting be now dissolved.

A true record. Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 13th 1891.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast for Representative to the General Court in Representative District number nineteen were thirteen hundred and sixteen and were for the following persons; Viz:-

Concord	Richard F. Barrett	348	George Ropes	162	Geo. H. Hopkins	1.
Lexington	"	"	306	"	"	184
Bedford	"	"	93	"	"	34
Lincoln	"	"	72	"	"	42
Burlington	"	"	32	"	"	42
			851			464

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Middlesex S.S.

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday the 23rd day of January inst at 7-30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2 To see if the town will establish a sinking fund for the payment of the town debt, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 3 To see if the town will borrow money or incur indebtedness, and if so, in what manner, for the purpose of defraying the debts already incurred in building and furnishing the new school house, and also to pay for necessary fencing and grading, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 4 To see if the town will appoint a committee to procure plans at an expense not to exceed $50. for the alteration of the Town Hall building with a view to its use for the Library and for other town purposes, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 5 To see if the town will do any thing in addition to selling the East and West School houses, and land belonging to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Post Office [illegible]

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before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1892.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen of
Irving L. Hodgdon } Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford January 14th 1892.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also on the Post Office seven days before the said 23rd day of January 1892 as within directed.

E. W. Farrell
Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest
Charles Henry Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 23rd 1892.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art 1 Choosing Moderator and use of check list. Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

2 Voted: That the town does hereby appropriate the proceeds of the bank and corporation tax as the same shall be received from year to year, including any unappropriated balance of said tax now in the hands of the town treasurer to the payment of the

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time debt until the same shall be entirely paid; and the Town Treasurer, for the time being, is hereby authorized and instructed to pay any portion of the same that may be from time to time in his hands as a seperate fund from other town money, and to give an account of the same at one year to year in the annual report under the head of sinking funds.

3 Voted; That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, for a time not exceeding ten years, the same to be entitled, the Second School-house Loan; and that the proceed thereof be applied to the purposes mentioned in this article under the direction of the building committee. The above vote was by ballot; result; thirty two to seven.

Voted; That any unexpended balance that may occur on the school house appropriation at the close of the present fiscal year be carried forward as such.

The report of the building committee was read and accepted (See report in town book)

Voted; That the thanks of the town be and hereby are extended to the building committee for their faithful and efficient service in the erection and furnishing the school house, and that the same committee be continued until the work is completed.

4 Voted; That a committee be appointed to procure plans at an expense not to exceede $50. for the alteration of the Town Hall building, with a view to

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Art 4 its use for the Library and for other town purposes; and that the [illegible] be appropriated from money now in the treasury for that purpose. The Trustees of the Library Corporation and the Town Treasurer were appointed as this committee.

" 5th Voted: That the town do sell the East and West school-houses and land belonging to the same, and that the selectmen are hereby appointed a committee to effect the same, and that the proceeds be placed in the hands of the Town Treasurer as a part of the sinking fund.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 7th.

[illegible]

To Edward W. Farrell Constable of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed [illegible] town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and [illegible] Monday [illegible] o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

1st [illegible]

2nd [illegible] for the ensuing year. The [illegible] said officers the length of time the meeting may [illegible]

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Art 3rd To vote on the following question viz: [illegible] town of Bedford? Yes or No, The ballots to be [illegible] ed by the Commonwealth, and to be distributed to voters under the direction of the Clerk.

[illegible] cause such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, [illegible] year 1891-92.

[illegible]

[illegible] laws, and pay the compensation [illegible] for the ensuing year.

[illegible] to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

[illegible] the town debt which may be called for.

[illegible] the town, and for the proper observance of [illegible] Day, the same to be expended under the [illegible] a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

10th [illegible] if the town will cause and appropriate the sum of $100. for [illegible]

11th [illegible] the [illegible]

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[illegible] To see if the town will accept the sum of $[illegible] deposited in the Treasury [illegible] 1872, by [illegible] of Boston, and in [illegible] the income [illegible] for the care of lot number 334, including the walks and borders around the said lot, in Shawsheen Cemetery.

[illegible] To see if the town will accept the sum of $50.00 deposited in the Treasury by Nancy Reed, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 174, including the walks and [illegible] in the Cemetery.

14th. To see if the town will take any measures, or make any appropriation for the care of the Old Burying Ground.

[illegible] To see if the town will take any measures to prevent [illegible] Bedford [illegible] joining to the towns of Woburn and Lexington, or any town [illegible] already received from them, or that may be received in the future.

16th. To see if the town will name the new School Building, or do anything in relation to the same.

17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $[illegible] to defray the expense of painting and for the care of the clock in the engine house of the Fire Dep. Society, and pay the same to the said society.

[illegible] To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $[illegible] to pay the expenses of town meeting for the year [illegible].

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Art. 18. To see if the Town will [illegible] for the Town Hall, and he be appointed by the Selectmen.

" 19. To see if the Town will [illegible] system in choosing the town officers at the annual town meeting.

" 20. To see if the town will vote to provide a suitable building for the [illegible] Hydrants, and raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the same.

" 21. To see if the town will take any measures to provide a suitable [illegible] for the reception of persons having a disease dangerous to the public health.

" 22. To see if the town will [illegible] Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, in the same manner as the [illegible] one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years, and [illegible] ally to serve for a term of three years.

" 24th. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to consider the best [illegible] the Town Hall building [illegible] to [illegible].

" 25th. To see if the town will vote to allow the Town Hall building with a [illegible] for the [illegible] for the town [illegible] thereto.

" 26. To see if the town will [illegible] the [illegible] 1886 [illegible] the Lucretia H. Stetson fund.

" 27. To see if the town will [illegible] the Lucretia H. Stetson fund [illegible] the Library Building Fund

[illegible]

Art. 27th [illegible] building, for the use of the library, and for the [illegible] and furniture for the same, and to do any thing relating thereto.

" 28th To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, or will borrow money on interest [illegible] for the purpose of altering the Town Hall building with [illegible] for the library and for the town offices, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 29th To see if the town will assume the cost of the street lamps, or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are hereby [illegible] the warrant for posting an attested copy of the same on the Town Hall and at the Post-Office eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of the town of Bedford at or before the time of the meeting.

Given under our hands at [illegible] this [illegible] day of [illegible] A.D. 1872.

[illegible] J. Lane } Selectmen
[illegible] } [illegible]

Town Meeting March 7th 1892.

[illegible] the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st Chose by ballot and use of check-list George R. Blair Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three [illegible] Taxes, three Constables, two Auditors, one member of [illegible] for a term of four years, one Janitor of the Town Hall and that they all be voted for on one ballot by [illegible] list to be used. Also the polls to be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee.

[illegible] appointed [illegible] N. Hartwell, Earnest H. Hosmer and Wallace A. Ch[illegible] tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes [illegible]

After closing the [illegible] the Moderator announced that the following [illegible] elected for the ensuing year:-

[illegible]

Charles A. [illegible]

[illegible] 1 1912.

[illegible]

For Auditor
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

For School Committee for three years.
Abbie C. Clark.

For Trustee of Public Library for four years
George R. Blinn

For Park Commissioner for three years.
Elihu C. Loomis,

[illegible]
Joseph C. Goodwin,

[illegible]
J. Newton Hartwell,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Nathan B. Smith [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Art 2nd For Surveyor of Wood and Bark.
Leonard A. Chase, William H. Mudge, Charles E. Corey
[illegible], Amos B. Cutler,
Willis G. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes,
[illegible]

For Measurer of Wood.
Charles H. Clark, Charles E. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes.

For Fence Viewers
Oliver J. Lane, Irving L. Hodgdon, Dudley Hartford.

Voted: That the town omit to choose a committee to appraise the personal property at the Town Farm.

[illegible]
of the personal property at the Town Farm
belonging to the Farm, and list to them under number
[illegible]

Piano.

Voted: That the piano be in charge of the Janitor of the Town Hall who shall report to the Selectmen its condition each [illegible].

" 3rd This article was taken up in connection with article 2nd

[illegible]
upon [illegible]
the same.

[illegible]

and were as follows: Sec. 107, Rev. S.

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Art. 4. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year.

For the support of schools and superintendence.	$2800.00
[illegible]	250.00
Roads and bridges	2000.00
Incidentals and removal of snow	1200.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Support of poor	1200.00
Fire department	400.00
Deficiencies	550.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Memorial Day, to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen	75.00
Interest	1350.00
Soldiers' relief fund	65.00
[illegible]	3.00
Sidewalks and curbing, provided the [illegible]	200.00

[illegible]

Art. 5. [illegible] the same [illegible] in last year for the repair of roads and bridges, and that the sum of $150 be paid for tin horns [illegible] for a horn [illegible] on the highways the ensuing year.

Art. 6. Voted: [illegible] the same method [illegible] for the collection of taxes, and that the compensation of the collector of taxes be [illegible] per cent for the [illegible] money collected and paid into the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted: That the Selectmen of Tisbury be, and they are authorized to use all means for the collection of the taxes which are delinquent [illegible] and [illegible] collectors.

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Art. 8th. Voted: That the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to [illegible] money in [illegible] of the [illegible] Law, to pay [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

" 9th. This article was disposed of under article 4th.

" 10th. This article was disposed of under article 4th.

" 12th. Voted: That the town do accept the sum of fifty dollars [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] heirs of Mary Peirce and allow interest at the rate of five per cent per annum; the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 334 including the walks and borders around said lot, in Shaws Cemetery.

" 11th. Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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16th Voted: That the new school-building be named the Union School House.

" 17th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 18th This article disposed of under article 4th.

" 19th Voted: That the town do not omit to choose a [illegible] the Town House.

" 20th Voted: That the town do instruct the Selectmen to insert in the warrant for the next town [illegible] article in [illegible] for town to make it legal to adopt the Australian Ballot System.

" 21st Voted: That this matter be referred to the Selectmen with instructions to report some definite plan at the next town meeting.

" 22nd Voted: That this matter be referred to the Selectmen with a view to the use of the lobby at the town farm.

" 23rd Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 24th Voted: To accept the report of the Committee chosen to consider the alteration of the Town House building and adopt their plan as shown at said meeting, so far as said plan relates to the first floor and basement, also fire escape.

" 25th Voted: That the present committee be continued and instructed to carry out the plans, so far as they pertain to the first floor and basement of the Town House building, and also to cause to be erected the fire escape as shown on said plan, such by making the small hall five feet and six inches wider, and that for this purpose said committee be and hereby is authorized and

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empowered in behalf of this town to make all contracts and do all acts necessary to carry out this purpose

Art 26th. No action taken under this article.

" 27th. " " " " "

" 28th. Voted: That the town treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum for a term not exceeding ten years, and that the proceeds thereof be applied to the purposes mentioned in this article.

Art 29th. Voted, that a committee be chosen to have charge of the street lamps for the ensuing year. Said committee to meet persons owning street lamps, and to accept in behalf of the town all the street lamps now in use belonging to the Bedford Improvement Society and to individuals, and to enter into a contract with the Gas Co. to lease and give to the town any street lamps now owned by them. Said committee to have authority to light the lamps now in use the ensuing year, whether surrendered to the town or retained by present owners, and to add to the number as many as in their judgement is needed to properly light the streets now lighted. Chose William B. Hughes, Dr Stephen A. Wood and Charles A. Gray.

Voted: That the committee chosen in relation to the road laid out by the Selectmen from North Ave to the Bedford Spring Station be discharged.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that measures be employed on the part of the town to cooperate with the city of Cambridge in opening

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the petition for the annexation of the City of Cambridge to Boston.

Whereas, Mr Benjamin J. Davis has this day presented to this town, three most valuable relics of the Revolutionary war, to be in the custody of the Trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library, therefore -

Resolved; That we most gratefully accept of the same on the condition named in the letter of gift, and that we manifest our appreciation of the act of this venerable citizen by placing upon the records of this days proceedings a copy of his letter of gift together with our action upon the same, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of the town to Mr. B. J. Davis.

Copy of Letter.

Bedford March 4th 1892.

To the citizens of Bedford:

Gentlemen and friends:

Having read the recently published history of this town, with much interest and noted the efforts of the author to save from oblivion many valuable data; - and been reminded thereby, that the flag carried to Concord fight from the town by Nathaniel Page has been presented to the town, by his grandson, the late Cyrus Page, I am convinced that other relics of that days experience, which opened the way for the independence of the Colonies and also other reminders of the Revolution, should be with that flag and be forever safely kept in the archives of the town, to make vital to the coming generations, the part borne by their ancestors in the great struggle for independence. Hence I, hereby ask you to accept of the sword or sabre, carried by my great grandfather Ebenezer Davis to Concord in the thickest of the fight at Lexington Bridge, April 19th 1775. and also of his Commission as Lieutenant under date of May 31st 1776. together with the musket used by him in the later experiences of the war of the Revolution.

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The only condition of gift being, that these three vols mentioned shall be forever in the custody of the Trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library

Witness. Benjamin J. Davis.

Adam English Brown.

Voted: That the report of the [illegible] as it may appear in the printed book, and the report of the Selectmen on grade boards be accepted and placed on file.

Voted: That this meeting be now dissolved.

Charles A. Cory Town Clerk.

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Middlesex S. S.

To James H. Gillooly, Constable of the town of Bedford, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at 6 O'clock A. M. at which time the polls will be opened, (and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P. M.) to give in their votes to the Election Officers of said town for

15 Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; 1 Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth; 1 Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor and Attorney-General; Councillor; Representative in Congress from the 1st Congressional District; District Attorney; Sheriff for Middlesex County; 3 Commissioners of Insolvency; County Commissioner; 2 Special Commissioners; [illegible] for the unexpired term of [illegible] deceased, [illegible] chosen, a Senator for the 5th Middlesex District;

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A Representative in the General Court for the 19th Middlesex District.

Also to act on the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution, viz:- Shall the following Amendment to the Constitution which has been properly passed in addition for the office of Governor be approved and ratified? Yes or No.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To hear any reports from committees chosen to present the same, and act on such reports, as the town may deem expedient;

" 3rd. To see if the town will accept a list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen,

" 4th. To see if the town will vote to build a driveway on the south side of the town hall grounds, from the street into said grounds, or do any thing relating thereto,

" 5th. To see if the town will vote to remove the priv[illegible] in the rear of the town hall building to the rear end of the grounds and fit up the same for a building in which to keep the town tools,

" 6th. To see what method the town will adopt to build a road in the south part of the town, from the corner near Barbara Clark's house, easterly to Lexington line, as located by the County Commissioners,

" 7th. To choose a trustee of Hawthorn Cemetery to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees, caused by the death of Joseph H. Chamberlain.

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Art. 8th. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the town treasury Oct. 22nd by Susan J. Abbott, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot 285 in Shawsheen Cemetery, including the walks and borders around the same.

" 9th. To see if the town will accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the town treasury by the heirs of Roger Kane and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be expended for the care of lot 100 in Shawsheen Cemetery, including the walks and borders around the same.

" 10th. To see if the town will vote to pay O. W. Fiske for grass cut from land belonging to him, by the superintendent of the town farm for year past.

" 11th. To see if the town in its municipal capacity will vote to send a copy of the history of Bedford Mass. to Bedford England.

" 12th. To see if the town will accept the proposition from the Univ. Cong. Society in relation to building the town-way voted for under article 4. and release to said society the right of way through their estate which the town now holds.

" 13th. To see if the town will vote to name the avenues and put up the numbers in the lots in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 14th. To see if the town will rescind and annul its vote of March 1st 1892 concerning the Philip H. Stearns fund taken upon article 13 of the warrant for the town meeting of that date.

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Art. 15th To see what disposition the town will make of the Elbridge W. Stearns fund

" 16th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for the purpose of paying the debts already incurred in altering the Town Hall Building, and for the purpose of furnishing the new rooms in said building, or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 17th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for the purpose of defraying the expenses already incurred by the School House Building Committee in building the fence and road &c, &c, at the new school house.

" 18th To see if the town will take any measures in relation to closing the opening between the hall entry, and entrance to storage room,

" 19th To see if the town will build a suitable water closet to connect with the rear of the hall building or do any thing relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and at the Bedford House office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty ninth day of October A. D. 1892

Olivia J. Lane
Lewis L. Hodgdon
Dudley Coulford

} Selectmen of Bedford

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Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Oct 31st 1892.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Bedford Post Office eight days before the said eighth day of November as within directed.

James H. Pillsbury Constable of Bedford.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met [illegible]

The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at 6 o'clock A.M.

[illegible] locked and the key given to the Constable in attendance. After closing the polls at the time specified the register showed [illegible] ballots had been cast; but two hundred and four ballots were found in the box and agreed with the names checked on the list of voters and list used by the ballot-clerk.

The seal on the package containing the general [illegible] was broken [illegible] the package opened by the [illegible] and the ballots given to the [illegible].

The cards of instruction and specimen ballots were posted as directed by Chapter 413. Sec 18. Acts of 1889.

The Selectmen appointed as tellers [illegible] and J. Newton Hartwell who were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

The Selectmen received the ballots for State and County Officers and amendment to the Constitution.

After closing the polls all the ballots given in were sorted, counted and [illegible]

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made, as by law directed, and were for the following persons, namely:

Electors of President and Vice-President:
At Large.

John Bascom of	Williamstown	1
Richard R. Cone of	Boston	1
Patrick A. Collins of	Boston	63
John E. Russell of	Leicester	63
Nathaniel P. Banks of	Waltham	128
John D. Long of	Hingham	128
Edward Bellamy of	Chicopee	1
George F. Washburn of	Boston	1

District No 1

Augustus Smith of	[illegible]	1
Simeon M. Clark of	[illegible]	63
Joseph Gilmore of	[illegible]	125
Lorinda M. Miller of	[illegible]	1

District No 2

Charles G. Allen of	Barre	1
John R. O'Donnell of	Northampton	63
George M. Johnson of	Brookfield	128
William C. Taylor of	Orange	1

District No 3

Charles B. Knight of	Worcester	1
Charles Haggerty of	Southbridge	63
Edward B. Hodgson of	Worcester	128
L. C. Berg of	Spencer	1

District No 4

Edmund M. Stone of	Hudson	1
Charles J. Williams of	Acton	63
Henry A. Goodrich of	Fitchburg	128
Ira F. Hull of	Hudson	1

Vote Sending No. 52 1872.

District No 5

Varnum Lincoln of Andover	1
Peter H. Donohoe of Lowell	53
[illegible] of [illegible]	128
Horace W.K. Earlman of Lawrence	1

District No 6th

George H. Hoyt of Haverhill	1
James F. Dean of Salem	53
Frank Cousins of Salem	128
J. B. Woodfin of Marblehead	1

District No 7th

George M. Bartrick of Everett	1
Samuel K. Hamillin of Wakefield	53
George W. Walker of Malden	128
F. E. Clements of Lynn	1

District No 8

John F. Paine of Cambridge	1
Ferdinand F. French of Winchester	53
Edward Glines of Somerville	128
Anthony J. Philpott of Arlington	1

District No 9

James M. Guy of [illegible]	1
Edward J. Flynn of Boston	63
Jonathan A. Lane of Boston	128
Henry Lemon of Boston	1

District No 10

Henry W. Shugg of Boston	1
[illegible] Quincy of [illegible]	53
John Shaw of Quincy	128
George J. Moulton of Boston	1

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District No 11

Charles C. Beagdon of	Newton	1
Robert Bleakie of	Hyde Park	63
John R. Bullard of	Dedham	128
Erastus L. Metcalf of	Franklin	1

District No 12

William H. Phillips of	Taunton	1
Joseph L. Sweet of	Attleborough	63
Benjamin S. Lowell of	Weymouth	128
[illegible] of	Middleborough	1

District No 13

Robert A. Sherman of	New Bedford	1
[illegible] of	Fall River	63
John Simpkins of	Sharmouth	128
Frank E. Beck of	Wareham	1

For Governor

William E. Hatch of	Springfield	115
Wolcott Hamlin of	Amherst	5
[illegible] of	[illegible]	6
William E. Russell of	Cambridge	65
Henry Winn of	Malden	1

For Lieutenant Governor.

James B. Carroll of	Springfield	62
Edward Kendall of	Cambridge	5
Roger Wolcott of	Boston	112

For Secretary

Charles S. Hamlin of	Brookline	56
William M. Olin of	Boston	106
Samuel B. Shapleigh of	Boston	1

For Treasurer

Hilbert R. Sanborn Jr of	Somerville	5
James S. Kendall of	Greenfield	56
Roger A. Martin of	Lowell	107

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For Auditor

Alfred A. Evans of Ashburnham	4
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	113
Irving B. Sayles of Millbury	54

For Attorney General.

Charles L. Lilley of Lowell	58
Albert E. Pillsbury of Boston	108
Robert F. Raymond of New Bedford	4

For Representative in Congress 4th Dist

Lewis Dewart Apsley of Hudson	112
Frederic L. Coolidge of Ashburnham	61
[illegible]	[illegible]

For Councellor Sixth District.

James H. Carmichael of Lowell	50
Lemuel L. Jeffs of Hudson	110

For District Attorney.

William N. Osgood of Malden	56
Gilbert A. A. Pevey of Cambridge	11
Fred N. Weir of Lowell	104

For Sheriff.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell	116

For County Commissioner

Francis Bigelow of Natick.	109
Frederick W. Trowbridge of Hudson.	57

For Special Commissioners.

Lyman Dike of Stoneham	98
William H. Hastings of Framingham	48
Stephen B. Puffer of Lowell.	39
Edward Everett Hodgkins of Malden.	53

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For Commissioner of Insolvency.

George J. Burns of Ayer	103
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	87
Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell.	47
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell.	93
Joseph P. Lyons of Malden	50
Richard McKelligett of Cambridge	42

For Register of Probate.

Samuel H. Folsom of Winchester	116

For Senator, Fifth Mid Dist.

George F. Clark of Acton	5
John N. Johnson of Woburn	33
Elisha H. Shaw of Chelmsford.	104

For Representative in General Court- 19th Dist.

Frank C. Carter of Concord.	50
Matthew H. Merrill of Lexington	114

For Amendment to the Constitution.

Yes,	43
No,	36

Town Affairs.

Art- 1st. Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator.

" 2nd. Reports received.

" 3rd. Voted, that the list of names of jurors presented by the Selectmen be so far as found, and as amended by the town be adopted.

List of Names.

William H. Jordan, Albert N. Bacon, John Carlisle, Seward L. Chase, Charles A. Corey, George P. Davis, John E. English, Joseph Green, Leroy L. Hodgdon, Hiram E. Mullen, Charles Nichols, Calvin M. Porter, Frank H. Rowe, Edward P. Kelley, John Kavanagh, William H. Lawrence.

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4th Voted: That the town do [illegible] with said grounds.

" 5th Voted: That the town do remove the fencing from its [illegible] to the [illegible] for a [illegible].

" 6th Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen, with instructions to investigate and to report at a future meeting.

" 7th Chose David L. B. Bilch Trustee of Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 8th Voted: [illegible] dollars deposited in the town treasury by Susan G. [illegible] cent per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of [illegible] including the walks and borders around the same.

" 9th Voted: That the town do accept the sum [illegible] dollars deposited in the town treasury by the [illegible] of Hope Lane [illegible] five per cent per annum, the income of said to be used for the care of lot 18 in Shawsheen Cemetery [illegible] the same.

" 10th Voted: [illegible] with O. N. Fiske, provided they can settle for a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

" 11th Voted: That the town does in its municipal capacity, [illegible] England. [illegible] Expenses.

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Art 12th Voted: That the town do accept the proposition of the Fire Corp Society to build the house erected for use at the 4th; and that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to release to said Society the right of way through their estate; and all other rights that the Town now holds on said estate adjoining the Town Hall land, whenever the said house now is completed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

" 13th Voted: That this article be referred to the following committee with full power to act, Aaron C. Dunn, Wm. A. Hodges, Geo. A. Dunn.

" 14th Voted: That the town do rescind and annul its vote of Mar 1st 1886, concerning the Elbridge W. Stearns fund.

" 15th Voted: That the Elbridge W. Stearns fund, principal and interest to date, be appropriated to pay the unpaid balance of indebtedness incurred in the alterations of the Town Hall Building, and also towards furnishing the rooms in said building. To be expended under the direction of this building committee

" 16th Voted: That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated from any unexpended balance in the treasury, or such part of said sum as may be necessary to furnish the rooms in the Town Hall Building. Said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the building committee.

" 17th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and [illegible] dollars to pay the unpaid balance of the Town Hall Building Committee in building the house and at the same [illegible].

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Art-18th Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 19th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to build a [illegible] and that the expense of the same be taken from the appropriation for incidental expenses.

Voted: To adjourn.

[illegible] Cummings

[illegible]

Bedford Nov 18th 1892.

This certifies that the whole number of the votes given in [illegible] Court was as follows

	For Matthew H. Mercann.	Frank E. Cutter.	
Concord	321	323	
Lexington	340	251	
Bedford	114	60	
Lincoln	72	64	
Burlington	43	46	
	890	744 =	1634

George Heywood Town Clerk of Concord
Charles A. Coey " " " Bedford
James L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
Samuel Sewall " " " Burlington

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 5th 1893.

To James H. Gilmore, Constable of Bedford.

Greeting:- In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the 5th day of March next, at 9 o'clock A. M. to act on the following matter relating to town affairs, Viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

" 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The polls to be kept open for voting for said officers [illegible] the meeting may decide on.

" 3rd. To vote on the following question. Viz:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.

" 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1892. 93.

" 5th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges ~~for~~ the ensuing year

" 6th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and to fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

" 7th. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town Collector may use in collecting taxes, as the law may allow,

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of

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of taxes, to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the town debt which may become due, &c.

Art 9th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $75.00 for the purpose of the observance in the town, and for the purpose of Memorial day. The same to be expended under the direction of a committee chosen by the town for that purpose.

" 10th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 11th. To see if the town will accept the sum of $10.00 deposited in the treasury by the heirs of C. P. Robbins, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum, to be used for the care of lot number 227. including the walks and borders around said lot in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 12th. To see if the town will vote to buy the Hartwell & Bacon meadows, so called, adjoining the town farm, belonging to the estate of the late Joseph Lawrence, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 13th. To see what method the town will adopt for the care of the town hall building, and fix the price at which the lower hall shall be let, also fix the compensation of the janitor for his services.

" 14th. To see if the town will accept the sum of $10.00 deposited in the treasury by the heirs of Benjamin F. Davis, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 207. including the walks and borders around said lot, in Shawsheen Cemetery.

" 15th. To see what action the town will take in relation to accepting and finishing the street as laid out by the Selectmen through the land of Augustus Pillsbury.

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Art- 15th } as per notice of same filed in the Town Clerk's Office Feb 4th.

" 16th } To see what action the town will take in relation to building the road in the south part of the town, through land of Barbara Clark, as laid out by the County Commissioners in 1892.

" 17th } By request of Ladies, to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to furnish the table-ware necessary for use at entertainments which may be held at the town hall building.

" 18th } To see if the town will vote to pay J. A. Bacon Esq. the sum of $9.00 for labor on Loomis street in 1890, as per his bill dated Sept 1st 1892.

" 19th } To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to increase the valuation of Real Estate five per cent, in addition to the present valuation.

" 20th } To choose a Trustee of Shawsheen Cemetery, to fill the unexpired term for which J. Lincoln Melvin was chosen.

" 21st } To see if the town will vote to choose a janitor of the Town Hall, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 22nd } To see if the town will adopt suggestions made by a Special Committee of Shawsheen Cemetery, make an appropriation for carrying out the same, or do any thing in regard to it;

" 23rd } To see if the town will instruct their Treasurer to account sums of money for the care of lots in Shawsheen Cemetery, and allow interest on the same at the rate of 5% per annum, without a special vote in each case.

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Art. 24. To see if the town will grant permission to any individuals, to rebuild the wall in front of the Old Burying Ground, and make any improvement there

" 25th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to remove the obstruction to the fire escape on the rear of the town hall, or to do any thing in relation thereto.

" 26th. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Australian system in voting for the several town officers, or do any thing relating to the same.

" 27th. To see if the town will accept the sum of $50.00 deposited in the treasury by the Administrator of the estate of [illegible] L. [illegible] at the rate of [illegible] per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lot number 215, including the walks and borders around said lot; in Shawsheen Cemetery.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town House and in the office of the Bedford House seven days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town of Bedford, at or before the place of the said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this eighteenth day of February A. D. 1893.

Oliver J. Lane } Selectmen
Loring L. Hodgdon } of Bedford

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford Feb 27 - 1893.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town House and also one at the office of the Bedford House seven days before the said 6th day of March as within directed. James H. Gurney Constable of Bedford.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose by ballot, and use of check-list, George R. Blinn Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for five years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Bedford Free Public Library for four years, one member of Cemetery Committee for three years, one member of Finance Committee for one year, two Constables, one Sealer of Leather, [illegible] Town Clerk and Time Committee, and that [illegible] be a bill for one hour by each voter and that the polls be kept open until 5.15 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same.

The polls were kept open for the same length of time for a sufficient number to deposit votes for School Committee. The Moderator appointed William T. Graham, Walter Cram and Irving E. Hodgdon, tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, who were duly sworn by the Moderator.

After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

For Selectmen, Assessors and Fence Viewers
Oliver T. Lane, Irving L. Hodgdon, William [illegible]

[illegible] Overseers of the Poor.
Charles A. Corey.

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For Overseers of the Poor
George M. Parker, William H. Mudge, Frank C. Fitch

For Auditor
Wallace G. Webber, Wallace A. Caley.

For Constables
James H. Gillooly, William H. Mudge, Benjamin F. Miller

For School Committee for three years.
George R. Blinn.

For Tree Warden for three years.
Henry Wood.

For Trustee of Public Libary for four years.
Jerome C. Bacon

For Cemetery Committee
Abram English Brown for three years
George R. Blinn for one year.

For Funeral Undertaker Frank N. Hartwell.

For Janitor of Town Hall James H. Gillooly

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large;-

For Field Driver
James H. Gillooly, Edward J. Skillin, David L. B. Filton,
Nathan B. Smith, George H. Howe,

For Pound Keeper; The Superintendant of the Town Farm for the time being.

Surveyor of Lumber.
Emerson B. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible].

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Mar 2d. [illegible] Moderator and Clerk.
Seward S. Chase, William Hallbridge, Charles C. Corey
[illegible], Charles H. Clark, [illegible] Cutler
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Daniel E. Haynes,
Charles F. Spaulding, George M. Parker.

For Weighers of Grain.
Charles H. Clark, Charles C. Corey Daniel E. Haynes.

" 3rd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question and that [illegible] for the deposit of the same. [illegible] the polls, the officiating [illegible] and [illegible] being empty, [illegible] and the key given to the constable in attendance. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, it was found that [illegible] were cast, but none were cast for No License.

" 4th Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year.

For the support of schools and superintendence	$3300.00
[illegible]	2500.00
Roads and bridges	2000.00
[illegible]	1500.00
Support of poor	1000.00
[illegible]	1275.00
Fire department	450.00
Deficiencies	1600.00
Care of and lighting street lamps	400.00
Memorial day	75.00
Public Library	200.00
Soldiers relief fund (unexpended balance $65.00)	
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

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Art. 5. Voted: [illegible] as last year for the repair of roads and bridges.

" 5th. Voted: To adopt the same method as last year, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 7th. Voted: That the Collector be so authorized.

" 8th. Voted: That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to [illegible] money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay current expenses and to pay one fourth of the town debt which may be called for.

" 9th. Voted: That the sum of Twenty five dollars appropriated under article four for this purpose be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Mr Luke H. Scofield.

" 10th. Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

" 11th. Voted: That the town do accept the sum of fifty dollars deposited in the treasury by the executors of Charles Robbins and allow interest as asked for in this article.

" 12th. Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

" 13th. Voted: That the board of Selectmen and School Committee with the President of the Public Library be a committee to be known as the Committee on care of Public Buildings, and that the subject matter of article 13th be referred to them for their report.

" 14th. Voted: That the town do accept the sum of One hundred dollars deposited in the treasury by George P. Davis Esq. of the will of Benjamin F. Davis and allow interest as asked for in this article.

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Art. 15th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 16th Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 17th Voted: That the town do raise and appropriate the sum of sixty five (65.) dollars, and so much of the same as shall be necessary, be expended for the purchase of hose reel for use at the town hall building at any entertainments where the same shall be needed, and that a committee consisting of Mrs. Jennie Wood, Mr. Oscar E. Lane, Mr. Edward A. Berry and Charles F. Spaulding be appointed by the town to carry the same into effect.

" 18th Voted: That this bill be referred to the surveyor of buildings for the year 1893, for approval.

" 19th Voted: [illegible] this article.

" 20th This article disposed of under article two.

" 21st Voted: That the town do in the future employ a janitor for the Town Hall, and that the committee on town & public buildings, given under article thirteen of this warrant be and hereby are instructed to appoint a janitor for the town hall.

" 22nd Voted: That the town adopt the suggestions of the special committee of Stoughton Cemetery in regard to numbering avenues, number of lots, improving avenues and paths, and that the sum of fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose. To be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Cemetery, who shall have full power in the premises.

" 23rd Voted: That the Treasurer of the town be empowered to borrow sums of money not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one case, from individuals, or

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otherwise, for the care of lots or other special purposes in the burial grounds of the town, and allow interest on said sums at the rate of five per cent per annum, from the first day of the month next succeeding the deposit.

Art. 24th Voted: That the town do grant permission to individuals to rebuild the wall in front of the old burial ground and make improvements there; subject to the approval and supervision of the Trustees of the Cemetery.

" 25th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to remove the obstruction to the fire escape in the rear of the Town Hall, and the expense thereof be charged to incidentals.

" 26th Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

" 27th Voted: That the town do accept the sum of fifty dollars appropriated in the town by-laws, to Administrator of the estate of Samuel L. Lane and allow interest as asked for in this article.

Voted: That the reports of the several town officers as they appear in printed form; also the report of the Selectmen be received and placed on file.

Voted: That the town choose a committee of three to investigate the [illegible] of the town in the care of its poor. The same appointed [illegible] Daniel Parker and Albert B. Sampson.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the Selectmen be authorized to purchase the Concord Town broken stone to be used on the highways in the town the present year.

Resolved; That the Selectmen be authorized to have another hole made or drilled in the stone watering

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trough on the Boston road to be paid for out of the highway appropriation as soon as practicable.

Voted to adjourn

Attest [illegible]
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 8th 1893.

Middlesex S.S.

To James H. Gillooly Constable of Bedford,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bedford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the town hall in said town on the eighth day of April next at nine o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town business, viz:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To see what action the town will take in relation to building a road in the southerly part of the town through land of Barbara Clark, and any other estate, to the Lexington line, locating said line of road and laid out by the County Commissioners, of which notice has been given to the town with directions to have the same built within a specified time.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and in the office of the Bedford House seven days at least before the time of the said meeting aforesaid. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of the said meeting.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 8th 1893.

Given under our hands at Bedford this thirty first day of March A. D. 1893

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon
William P. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Middlesex S. S. Bedford April 1st 1893
I have served the within warrant by posting up one attested copy in the room of the Town Hall and also one at the office of the Bedford House seven days before the said eighth day of April 1893. as within directed,

James H. Gillooly Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting April 8th 1893.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford met and acted on the subject-matter contained therein as follows:

Art 1st Chose by ballot and use of check-list George R. Bowie Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the town construct the road and bridge as laid out by the County Commissioners by their order of Oct 29th 1892. and that the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for this purpose, also that the County Commissioners be respectfully asked to contribute the sum of five hundred dollars from the County Treasury toward the expense of building the same and that the Selectmen be authorized to carry out this vote.

Voted: To adjourn.

Attest

Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 7th 1893.

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the Polls will be opened, and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to bring in their votes for the election for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General, an Auditor, an Attorney General, a Senator for District No 5, a Councillor for the 5th district, a County Commissioner, a Register of Probate and Insolvency, a Representative to the General Court for the 19th Middlesex district. Also to vote on the proposed amendment to the constitution as follows:- Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the payment of mileage to members of the general court be approved and ratified? [Yes No],

All the above to be brought in on one ballot.

Also to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd. To hear and act on any reports which may be presented to the meeting.

" 3rd. To see if the town will accept the list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

" 4th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of "seven hundred and thirty dollars from money in the town treasury to defray the expense of building the new road in the South part of the town.

Warrant Continued.

Art. 5th. To see if the town will vote to purchase one or more pairs of bolts to be put on the lock-up, or do any thing to make the room a fit place in which to confine any person which may be arrested.

" 6th. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the treasury by Maria Bacon, and allow interest at the rate of 5% per annum, the income of said sum to be used for the care of lots No 280, 281 in the Bedford Cemetery.

" 7th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of grading at the school-house.

Give you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and in the office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford.
William G. Hartwell

Bedford Oct. 30 1893.

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places directed.

Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Gorey
Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 7th 1893.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at 6 o'clock A.M.
Before opening the polls the registering ballot-box was shown to be empty, it was then locked and the key given to the Constable in attendance.
After closing the polls at the time specified the register showed that one hundred and forty seven ballots had been cast. One hundred and fifty one ballots were found in the ballot-box and agreed with the number of names checked on the list of voters.
The seal on the package containing the general and specimen ballots was publicly broken and the package opened by the presiding officer, and the ballots given to the ballot-clerks.
The Selectmen appointed Richard Cutler and Henry Desmazes ballot-clerks and J. Newton Hartwell and Edward Webb tellers, who were duly sworn.
The Selectmen received the ballots for State and County Officers and amendment to the constitution authorizing the sale, &c. The ballots given in were sorted, counted and recorded, and public declaration thereof made, as by law directed, and were for the following persons, namely:

For Governor.

Frederic T. Greenhalge	of Lowell	106
John E. Russell	of Leicester	38
Louis Albert Banks	of Hyde Park	5

For Lieutenant Governor

Roger Wolcott	of Boston	105
James B. Carroll	of Springfield	36
Henry C. Smith	of Williamsburg	5

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For Secretary

William M. Olin	of Boston	102
James W. McDonald	of Marlborough	33
Samuel B. Shapleigh	of Boston	4
Isaac N. Skinner	of Waltham	1

For Treasurer.

Henry M. Phillips	of Springfield	110
Eben S. Stevens	of Dudley	34
Wilbert D. Farnham Jr.	of Somerville	4

For Auditor

John W. Kimball	of Fitchburg	77
Bourdman Hall	of Boston	35
Alfred H. Evans	of Ashburnham	4

For Attorney General

Horace M. Knowlton	of New Bedford	75
Charles S. Lilley	of Lowell	35
Robert C. Raymond	of New Bedford	4

For Councillor. Sixth Dist.

Lemuel T. Jeffs	of Hudson	95
William A. Hyde	of Woburn	36

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.

Samuel H. Folsom	of Winchester	102
John F. Carroll	of Framingham	31

For County Commissioner

J. Henry Read	of Westford	96
William A. Read	of Lowell	35

For Senator 5th Middl. Dist.

Elisha H. Shaw	of Chelmsford	77
Charles F. Worcester	of Townsend	35

Town Meeting Nov 1st 1875.

For Representative in General Court-	19th Dist.
Matthew H. Merriam of Lexington	96
Frank E. Cutter of Concord	36

Amendment to the Constitution.

Yes	45.
No	20.

Town Affairs.

Art- 1st. Chose Edwin H. Blake Town Clerk pro. tem.
" 1 Chose Oliver J. Lane Moderator
The vote for the above officers was by ballot- and the check list used.

" 2nd No reports presented and no action under this article.

" 3d Voted: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors: John H. Brown, Henry Demarest, Byron [illegible], Charles L. [illegible], Charles C. [illegible], [illegible] Harrington, Frank [illegible], [illegible], Hiram [illegible], John Kennedy, [illegible] Norton, John McGovern, Abram E. Brown, Augustus F. Rosenthall, William N. Sawin,

" 4th Voted: That the sum of eleven hundred and thirty dollars be appropriated from money in the treasury to defray the expense of building the new road in the South part of the town,

" 5th Voted: That this matter be referred to the Selectmen, to report at next March meeting,

" 6th Voted: To accept the sum of one hundred dollars deposited in the treasury by Marcia [illegible] and allow interest as asked for in this article,

" 7th Voted: To appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the purpose of grading at the school house,

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the same to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Voted: That when this meeting close, it be at 4-25 o'clock P.M.

Resolved: That the firemen do have the free use of the Town Hall for their annual dance.

Voted: To adjourn.

Town Clerk pro. tem.

Bedford Nov 17th.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative district number nineteen for Representative in General Court was as follows; viz:-

	For Matthew H. Merriam	Frank E. Cutter.
Concord		
Lexington	330	183
Bedford	96	36
Lincoln	80	50
Burlington	43	31
	549	300

Leonard A. Lawrie Town Clerk of Lexington.
Charles A. Corey " " " Bedford
Jame L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
Samuel Sewall " " " Burlington.

A true copy Attest: Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 25th 1893.

Middlesex ss.

To Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday Nov 25th at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of Town Affairs. Viz;-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

" 2nd To hear the report of the Committee chosen by the town in relation to making an exchange of Fire Engine,

" 3rd To see if the town will vote to procure a suitable fire engine to take the place of the one now owned by the town, and known as Hunneman, or do any thing in relation to the matter,

" 4 " To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, or will borrow money or incur indebtedness, and if so in what manner, for the purpose of procuring a new fire engine, or for any other purpose in relation to the acquiring of a suitable fire engine,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and in the Office of the Bedford House seven days at least before the time and place of the said meeting,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands at Bedford this eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three,

Charles J. Lane
Henry K. Hodgman
William G. Hartwell
} Selectmen of Bedford,

Warrant - Continued.

Bedford Nov 20th 1893.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at each of the places as directed.

Benjamin F. Wells Constable of Bedford.

Town Meeting Nov 25th 1893.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art- 1st Chose by ballot, and use of checklist, Edwin H. Blake Moderator,

" 2nd Mr Charles F. Spaulding made a verbal report for the Committee, followed by Mr Oliver J. Lane, favoring the purchase of a new engine, rather than making the repairs on the old one;

" 3rd Voted: That when this meeting adjourn it be for one week from tonight,
Voted. That a committee of three be appointed to investigate in relation to the subject matter contained in this article, and to report at the adjourned meeting, and that said committee be appointed by the Moderator and Clerk.
Messrs. Walter G. Webber, Albert S. Sampson, and Edwin A. Hartwell were appointed for said committee.

Voted: That we now adjourn

Saturday Dec 2nd

The town met agreeable to adjournment, Meeting called to order at 7-45 P.M.
The Committee chosen to investigate in relation to a new fire engine, made a verbal report by Sampson recommending a No Three Button Lub. Report of committee accepted, and the town Voted;

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That the town do buy a new fire engine, and that the same committee be authorized to procure the same at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars, with authority to repair the old engine at an expense not exceeding [illegible] dollars.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow the sum of one thousand dollars, the same to be paid by him within the year 1894.

Voted; That the town loan the old fire engine to the Bedford Lumber and Manufacturing Company, the same to remain the property of the town.

[illegible] to loan [illegible] with the engine, [illegible]

Voted; To leave this matter in the hands of the Engineers.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Mr. S. H. Thompson, was adopted by the town,

Whereas, The outlook is that Boston, or some other city, is meaning to apply for, and use, the river Shawsheen and its tributaries, and our meeting is called to act on our fire engine and its extinguishing resources, and in our fire [illegible] is the same, I would respectfully make the following motion. Viz:

Resolved, That a committee of five be chosen by this meeting to look after the interest of this town in the matter of our water supply, and our future needs, to report at our Annual Town Meeting, holden in March next. Also that a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be appropriated from money now in, or that may be in, the town treasury, an itemized bill of expenditures to be returned to the Town Auditors for his report.

Whereas, the coming generation will be to blame if we neglect our duty to secure to us, it behooves us to be on the alert, to make the best use of all our privileges and advantages.

Concord and Sandy Pond are much nearer us than Lexington, which is very short of water.

So let us have a well-balanced committee to

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defend our rights and maintain our inheritance.
The following committee was chosen by the town:
Charles H. Clark, Wallace G. Webber, Jerome A. Bacon, William R. Hayden. George R. Blinn.

Voted. To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Cory
Town Clerk.

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Middlesex S. S.

To James H. Gillis, Constable of the town of Bedford, Greeting:-
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at 9 o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees, and act on the same.

" 3d To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

" 4th To vote on the following question, viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford. "Yes" or "No".

" 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

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and make appropriations for the same,

" 5th. [illegible] for the [illegible] in the appropriation for the year 1893-94.

" 6th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair the roads and bridges the ensuing year,

" 7th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year,

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector may use,

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes, to pay town debts, or to pay any part of the town debt in any form called for,

" 10th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses,

" 11th. To see if the town will appoint a committee, and authorize such committee to take such proceedings as they may deem necessary to ascertain and preserve the town's rights in the funds given in trust by the wills of Anna Page, Samuel Cheatwood, and William Page, or do any thing in relation to the same,

" 12th. To see if it is the opinion of the town of Bedford, that the Commonwealth acquire as a State highway any particular road in the town, leading directly through the town,

" 13th. To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of O. W. Fiske,

" 14th. To see if the town will provide two sets of lamps for the hall lanterns,

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Art. 15th. To see if the town will release the Bedford Cadet Band from paying to the town the amount due for the use of the town hall on Dec 31st 1893.

" 16th. To see if the town will discontinue and withdraw from its union with the towns of Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Lincoln and Wilmington, for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431. of the Acts of 1888. and rescind the vote by which it united with said towns for such purpose; and vote to unite with the towns of Billerica, Burlington and Lincoln for the same purpose, namely: the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 431. of the Acts of 1888. and subsequent amendments thereto, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 17th. To see if the town will vote to lay a single floor over the upper floor of the school house, or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 18th. To see if the town will take any action in relation to marking the graves of any persons who served in any war previous to the Civil War, as authorized under Section 1 Chapter 42. Acts of 1884.

" 19th. To see if the town will appoint a committee to have charge of the Town's Common, or do any thing in relation to the same

" 20th. To see if the town will adopt some method for supplying Shawsheen Cemetery with water from an unfailing source, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purpose, or do any thing relating to the same.

" 21st. To see if the town will choose a committee of three, with power to act with similar committees which may be appointed by other towns, to select a suitable place for the co-operative care of the poor, and to arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or do any thing in relation thereto,

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(h) 22nd. To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to discontinue the present system of farming at the Town Farm, or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall, and at the Office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty third day of February A.D. 1894.

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon
William P. Hartwell
} Selectmen of Bedford.

Middlesex S. S.

Bedford Feb 24th 1894.

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also one at the Office of the Bedford House, eight days before the said fifth day of March 1894 as within directed.

James H. Gillis Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest

[illegible] Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 5th 1894.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and said notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows.

1st Chose by ballot and use of check-list George R. Blinn Moderator.

2nd Voted: That the reports of the several town officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and jail be accepted and placed on file.

3rd Voted, that the polls be open from the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for three years, one member of Cemetery Trustees Committee for three years, three Constables, one Pound Keeper, one Highway Surveyor, and that they act on a vote for one ballot by each voter. and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same. Also the polls be kept open the usual length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. The Moderator appointed Lawton Chalmers, Charles F. Spaulding, William H. Cordwin and Forest Warner tellers to assist in receiving and counting the votes, who were duly sworn by the Moderator. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year,

For Selectmen, Josiah A. and Lance Powers, Elmer J. Cross[S], Irving R. Hodgdon[S] and William G. Hartwell[S]

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes
Charles A. Corey[S]

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For Selectmen.
Frank A. Allen, Wallace A. Calef and George H. Davis.

For Auditors.
Wallace P. Webber and Edwin H. Blake

For Constables.
James H. Vickery, Benjamin F. Mills and Herbert E. Hartwell

For School Committee for three years
Wallace A. Calef.

For Park Commissioner for three years
Ethelwin R. Ford.

For Trustee of Public Library for four years.
Francis Adams.

For Cemetery Committee for three years.
George R. Allison.

For Funeral Undertaker
D. Newton Hartwell.

For Surveyor of Highways.
David L. B. Fitch

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

Field Drivers.
James H. Vickery, Edward F. Dutton, David L. B. Fitch
William H. Aldridge declined George H. Howe,

Pound Keeper
The superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

Surveyors of Lumber.
Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes, James F. Gray
Charles H. Clark, Oliver F. Lane, George H. Tufts,
Elliot S. Livermore and Edwin G. Loomis,

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Surveyors of Wood and Bark.
Edward F. Chase, William H. Hodge, Charles S. Porter,
George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Samuel G. Butler,
Willis G. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes,
Dennis L. Cole, George M. Parker,

Weighers of Grain
Charles H. Clark, Charles S. Corey, Charles S. Porter,
Daniel E. Haynes,

Art 4th. This article was taken up in connection with article third and the town
Voted, That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question and that the polls be kept open until 4 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same. Before opening the polls the self-registering ballot-box was shown to be empty; it was then locked and the key given to the Constable in attendance. After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, it was found that 108 ballots had been cast and were as follows: No, 104. Yes, 4.

5th. Voted, That the town do raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year.

For Schools	$3300.00
Text-books and school supplies	300.00
Roads and bridges	2000.00
Incidentals and removal of snow	1600.00
Sidewalks	100.00
Support of poor	1000.00
Care of and lighting street lamps	400.00
Payment of interest	1200.00
Deficiencies	1900.00
Fire Department	400.00
Public Library	200.00
Soldiers relief fund	130.00
New fire-engine	100.00

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Art. 5th. To see if voted to raise, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Highway Commr. $ 18.01

" Decoration day, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Decoration day Committee $ 15.00

" 6th. Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the repair of the roads and bridges.

" 7th. Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the collection of taxes, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent, upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 8th. Voted: To authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when a duly sworn collector, may use.

" 9th. Voted: That the town do authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses, said loans to be made payable from the taxes for the current year when the same shall be received, Voted: That the town do authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for

" 10th. Voted: To appropriate the money received for dog licenses for the support of the Public Library,

" 11th. Voted: That the subject matter contained in this article be referred to the following committee. Edwin H. Allen, Charles H. Stark and Charles F. Gray,

" 12th. Voted: That it is the opinion of the town of Bedford that the erection of necessity and convenience require that the bridge now erected across as a State Highway a stream on said town from

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Art. 12th. Lexington to Billerica on the and by the great-highway to Lowell.

" 13th. Voted: That the claim of O.W. Fiske be referred to a committee of three with full power, one to be chosen by the town, one by Mr Fiske, and the two so chosen to select the third. Mr Wallace G. Webber was chosen on behalf of the town.

" 14th. Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article

" 15th. Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 16th. Voted: That the town withdraw from its union with the town of Billerica, Burlington, Lincoln [illegible] and Bedford for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools, and unite with the towns of Billerica, Burlington and Lincoln for the same purpose, namely, the employment of a superintendent of schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1893 and amendments and [illegible].

" 17th. Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed.

" 18th. Voted: That the Cemetery Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars for the purpose of marking the graves of any persons who served in any wars previous to the Civil war, as authorized under Section 1. Chapter 42. Acts of 1884.

" 19th. Voted: That the Park Commissioners be a Committee of the town, to represent its rights in the Common with authority to expend the sum of one hundred dollars in building the [illegible] with authority to act in conjunction with a committee of the first parish.

" 20th. Voted: That the Cemetery Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to procure a water supply for Shawsheen Cemetery at an expense not to exceed five hundred dollars.

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Art. 20th. Voted; That the Treasurer of the town is hereby instructed to invest such sums as may be hereafter deposited with him for the perpetual care of lots in Shawsheen Cemetery, to an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars in procuring a water supply for said Cemetery, under the direction of the Cemetery Committee and that interest thereon be charged to the cemetery fund,

" 21st. The Committee appointed under the resolution made at the Town Meeting March 6th 1893, presented their report which was referred to the town (the report is on file)
Voted; That a committee of three be chosen by the Moderator with power to act with similar committees which may be appointed by other towns, to select a suitable place for the recreation park of the town, and to arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or do any thing in relation thereto.
The Moderator appointed for said committee the three persons who shall be elected as overseers of the poor at this meeting.

" 22d. Voted; That the town do authorize the Overseers of the Poor to discontinue the present system of farming at the Poor Farm, if in their judgement it is advisable,

On motion of Mr Edwin F. Lovejoy the town
Voted; That the Selectmen be instructed to increase the insurance on the public buildings, especially on the new school-house,

Report of Committee
Your Committee appointed under the resolution made at the Town Meeting March 5th 1893 herewith respectfully submit their report.
The resolution was that a committee of three be

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chosen to investigate the matter of the town in the case of its poor. Your committee have taken no formal action in the matter but have incidentally been making themselves familiar with the methods of some of the neighboring towns and as a result have put into the warrant of the present town meeting article No 2 1894 for final action by the town.

Respectfully Yours Selectmen,

Poled. Le Cajeuse,

Charles H. Gray Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Sept 20th 1894.

To Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall of said town on Thursday the 20th day of Sept inst. at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

3rd To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to pay the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1893-94.

2nd To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to defray the expense of the new road in the south part of the town.

4th To see if the town will grant the Street Commissioners from South to Summer Street through land of Hartford and others, as laid out by the Selectmen Feb 26th 1894.

5th To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commissioner to take charge of any roads in the town.

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Art. 6th. To see if the town will take any action in relation to managing a forest fire, or regulate payment for labor performed.

" 7th. To see if the town will take any action in relation to improving the Back Common.

" 8th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a mowing hose for the fire engines, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purpose,

" 9th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for repairing concrete walks, and other concrete work,

" 10th. To see if the town will make an additional appropriation for the support of the poor, or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 11th. To see if the town will continue the present plan of warning, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 12th. To see if the town will proceed at once to collect by legal process the money paid by Charles Dean to John Dunnigan, or do any thing in relation thereto,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the office of the Bedford House and at the Town Hall seven days at least before the time of the said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town of Bedford at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord 1894.

Oliver P. Lane
Lewis E. Hardy Jr.
William G. Hartwell
} Selectmen of Bedford

I hereby certify that by virtue of the warrant I have posted true copies of the same, one at the Town Hall and one at the Bedford House office seven days at least before the time of the said meeting, as within directed. Henry Morris F. Wells Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Charles S. Covey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Sept 20th 1894.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant we notified the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford and authorized in the matter contained therein as follows. Viz,

Art 1st Chosen by ballot moderator of town meeting Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred (200.00) dollars to defray the expence of building the new road in the South part of the town.

" 3rd Voted: To appropriate the sum of fifty two dollars to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for Burgess 1893-94

" 4th Voted: That the Town do accept the street running from South St. Lexington road as laid out by the Selectmen Oct 20th 1893 when the town receives a deed of the land over said street free and clear from all incumbrance. (See report of Selectmen page 130).

" 5th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to obtain a notice of the road from Lexington line to Carlisle and apply to the Massachusetts Highway Commission to use the highway for a State Highway.

" 6th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to pay laborers that work at forest fires the sum of twenty five (25) cents an hour to fight fires under the direction of the Fire Wards

" 7th Voted: That the subject matter in this article be referred to the Selectmen with authority to expend a sum of money not exceeding one hundred (100.00) dollars for the improvement of the course.

" 8th Voted: That the town appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars (315.00) for the purchase of seven hundred (700.) feet of hose for the fire engines. The same to be expended under the direction of the Engineers of the Fire Department.

" 9th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00) for repairs on concrete walks and other concrete work.

" 10th Voted: That the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars ($450.00) be appropriated from money in the treasury for the support of the poor.

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Art 11th Voted; That the Overseers of the Poor reduce the door on the Poore farm and that the town lawn be kept at work on the highways under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor whenever it is possible.

" 12th Voted; That the subject-matter contained in this article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor with full power to act in the premises.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true copy

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

Petition of the Selectmen of the laying out of a town way from South & Loomis Street.

We Selectmen of Bedford hereby certify that they have this day February 20 1894 laid out a town way from a point on South street through land of Dudley Hartford Estate, Nichols, Daniel & Hagmer, Delia Keane and land of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to a point on Loomis street described as follows,

Commencing at South street on the southerly side of the said town way, running easterly 110 feet more or less to an angle thence running south by east 920 feet more or less to a corner, thence turning southerly running 341 feet more or less to an angle, thence in the same direction at a slight turn easterly 94 feet more or less to the land of the B & L. R.R. Co. 18 feet southerly from a point as shown on plan of D. Hartford.

Then from the last-named point through the land of said B & L. R. R. Co on the same line as the last mentioned, 81 feet more or less to a point on Loomis street 121 feet from the south west corner of the said land of the B & L. R. R. Co. The above town way to be 40 feet wide, the bounds and angles on the opposite side to correspond with those described above. The above described town way as laid out as shown by plan of D. Hartford, with the exception described above, namely 18 feet easterly of land of B & L. R.R. Co instead of the point shown on said plan. Signed Calvin J. Loomis, Henry S. Hodgdon, William S. Hartwell, Selectmen of Bedford.

Received Feb 27th 1894 A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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Middlesex S.S.

To Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford,

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the eighth day of November next at 12 o'clock M. at which time the polls will be opened and they will be kept open four hours at least, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Receiver General, an Auditor, a Councillor for the eight District, an Attorney General, a Senator for the fifth Middlesex district; a Register of deeds for the Southern Middlesex district; a County Commissioner for Middlesex County, a County Commissioner, a Representative to Congress for the fourth District, a Representative to the General Court for the Fourteenth Middlesex district. Also to vote on the matter of amendments to the constitution as follows; Viz;- Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to commissioners of insolvency be approved and ratified; Yes or No. All of the above to be on one ballot.

Also, to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz;

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

" 2nd. To see if the town will accept the list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

" 3rd. To see if the town will vote to pay the bill contracted by the Selectmen for concrete work done on sidewalks and crossings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

" 4th. To act upon the gift to the town by E. F. Brown's Esq of Price of Trust for an extension to Shawsheen Cemetery.

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Art. 5th To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim held by the town against the estate of the late Mr. L. Unknown.

" 6th To see if the town will amend article 2. of the By Laws concerning lawful children, adopted by the town meeting of Nov 6th 1850. or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 7th To see if the town will make an additional appropriation for the support of the schools, or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 8th To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the numbers of the clerk of the town and report at the annual town meeting, or do any thing relating thereto,

And you are directed to warn this meeting by posting an attested copy of the warrant at the Town Hall and in the Bedford House office eight days at least before the time of the said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four.

Oliver J. Dunn
Lewis L. Hodgdon
William S. Hartwell
} Selectmen of Bedford.

I hereby certify that by virtue of the warrant I have posted two copies one at the Town Hall and one in the Bedford House office as therein directed.

Benjamin F. Wells Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Charles F. Perry Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 6th 1894.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at 12 o'clock M. Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty, it was then locked and the key given to the Constable in attendance. After closing the polls at the time specified the register showed that one hundred and seventeen ballots had been cast; one hundred and fifteen ballots were found in the ballot-box and agreed with the number of names checked on the list of voters.

The seal on the package containing the general and specimen ballots was publicly broken and the package opened by the presiding officer and the ballots given to the ballot-clerks.

The Selectmen appointed William W. Goodwin and Edward Walsh ballot-Clerks and Edward Walsh and tellers, who were duly sworn.

The Selectmen received the ballots for State and County Officers and amendment to the Constitution.

After closing the polls, all the ballots given in were sorted, counted and recorded, and public declaration thereof made as by law directed, and were for the following persons, namely:-

For Governor.

George H. Carey of Lynn	1	Votes
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell	86	"
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield	1	"
John E. Russell of Leicester	26	"
Blanks	1	

Lieutenant Governor.

Wilbert O. Dowell of Danvers	1	"
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston	2	"
Charles E. Stratton of Boston	22	"
Roger Wolcott of Boston	87	"
Blanks	3	

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For Secretary

Charles A. De Courcy	of Lawrence	22 Votes
Wilbert D. Farnham jr	of Somerville	2 "
William M. Olin	of Boston	83 "
Blanks		8

Treasurer

John M. Fisher	of Attleborough	2 "
James S. Pinnell	of Greenfield	23 "
Henry M. Phillips	of Springfield	81 "
Blanks		9

Auditor.

John W. Kimball	of Fitchburg	80 "
Wilbur M. Purrington	of Williamsburg	2 "
Alfred C. Whitney	of Boston	24 "
Blanks		9

Attorney-General

Frank M. Forbush	of Natick	2 "
Henry F. Hurlburt	of Lynn	23 "
Hosea M. Knowlton	of New Bedford	80 "
Blanks		10

Councillor 6 Dis

John M. Harlow	of Woburn	81 "
Frank J. Simonds	of Lowell	23 "
Blanks		11

Senator 5th Mid Dis

George J. Burns	of Ayer	82 "
John P. Carne	of Woburn	23 "
Blanks		10

Representative in General Court 19 Dis

John Winn	of Burlington	85 "
Blanks		30

County Commissioner

Peter A. Fay	of Lowell	24 "
Samuel C. Upham	of Waltham	75 "
Blanks		16

County Treasurer

Joseph O. Hayden	of Somerville	79 "
Alfred D. Hoitt	of Arlington	21 "
Blanks		15

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For Register of Deeds

John F. Slattery	of Malden	19 Votes
Charles B. Stevens	of Cambridge	84 "
Blanks		12

Representative in Congress 4 Dist

Lewis Dewart Apsley	of Hudson	80 "
John J. Desmond	of Waltham	22 "
Blanks		13

Amendment to the Constitution

Yes	30 "
No	6 "
Blanks	79

Town Affairs.

Art 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list Edwin H. Blake Moderator

" 2nd Voted: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen.
Charles A. Corey, Frederic A. Cutter, Seward S. Chase, John Carlisle, Warren H. Dutton, Norbert M. English, David L. B. Fitch, Matthew R. Fletcher, Joseph C. Gaboury, Irving L. Hodgdon, Dudley P. Ladd, James T. Neville, Edward G. Pierce, Albert P. Sampson and Edward Walsh.

" 3rd Voted: To pay the bill contracted by the Selectmen for concrete work done on sidewalks and crossings.

" 4th Voted: That the town gratefully accept from E. P. Loomis Esq his generous gift of land for an extension to Shawsheen Cemetery and that the clerk of the town forward to him a copy of this vote when the deed of conveyance shall have been executed.

" 5th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to obtain as reasonable terms as possible with Mr Bowman in settlement of this claim with full authority in the matter.

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Art- 6th Voted: That the amendment referred to in article six of this meeting be referred to the Superintendant of Schools to be reported upon at next annual meeting.

" 7th Voted: Not to appropriate money under this article.

" 8th Voted: That a committee of five be nominated by the Moderator to consider the names of the streets, avenues and roads within the town and report at the next annual meeting, any change which it may be desirable to make in their names, and that said committee bring in samples of sign boards at said meeting. George R. Blinn, Wallace G. Webber, Abram E. Brown, Henry Wood, Wallace A. Caley were appointed.

Voted: That the polls be closed at 4-32 P.M.

Resolved: That in future at the November Election the polls be opened at 6-30 A.M.

Resolved: That the town do donate the free use of the town hall to the fire department for their annual dance.

Voted: To adjourn.

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Bedford Nov 16th 1894. This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative district No 19 for Representative in General Court was as follows:-

Concord	for	John Winn	362	Scattering	8
Lexington	"	"	336	"	5
Lincoln	"	"	73	"	4
Burlington	"	"	22	"	4
Bedford	"	"	83	"	

Charles E. Brown Town Clerk of Concord
Leonard A. Saville " " " Lexington
Harry H. Nichols " " " Burlington
James L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
Charles A. Corey " " " Bedford.

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Middlesex S. S.

To Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford.

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town, on Saturday the 17th day of Nov inst, at 7-45 o'clock P.M. to vote on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting,

" 2nd. To see if the town will make an additional appropriation for the support of the schools, or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 3rd. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to grade the salaries of the school teachers, or do any thing in relation thereto,

" 4th. To see in what way the town will vote to raise the money to pay the bill due C. O. Grady for work done for the town,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall building, and at the Office of the Bedford House seven days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 8th day of Nov A.D. 1894.

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford
William G. Hartwell

By virtue of this warrant I have posted two copies of the same. One at the Town Hall building and one at the office of the Bedford House as within directed,

Benjamin F. Mills Constable.

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 17th 1894.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art- 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list Elihu G. Loomis Moderator,

" 2d Voted: That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from money that is, or may be in the treasury for the support of the schools and that the Committee be instructed to keep the schools in session until the first of February with two weeks vacation,

" 3d Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed,

" 4 Voted: That this article be in definitely post-poned,

Voted; To adjourn.

A true record.

Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk,

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Middlesex S. S.

To Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford, Greeting:-
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday, the fourth day of March next at 9. o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles relating to town affairs, Viz:-

Art- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting,

" 2nd. To hear reports from the several town officers and act on said reports.

" 3rd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing

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year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

Art 4th. To vote on the following question, viz:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.

" 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1894-95.

" 6th. To see if the town will reconsider the vote in relation to the division of the money appropriated for the repairs of highways and bridges.

" 7th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 8th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes

" 11th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest.

" 12th. To see in what manner the town will vote to observe Memorial day.

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Art- 13th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 14th. To see what action the town will take in relation to having the barge in the west district call at the house of John Connor on west street, and convey his children to and from school.

" 15th. To see if the town will vote to change Art- 2. of the by-laws concerning truant children by inserting in place of the words "Lowell Reform School", Middlesex County Truant School Chelmsford, Mass.

" 16th. To see if the town will stock the Town Farm with milch cows, or do any thing ~~re~~ specting the same

" 17th. To see if the town will vote to pay one half of the expense of the concrete work done front of Fletcher's block on main street.

" 18th. To see if the town will accept the provision of the Public Statutes, Chap 186. of the year 1877 in relation to the choice of a board of Overseers of the Poor.

" 19th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a suitable flag with the necessary halliards &c., to be raised on the flag staff at the head of Wilson Park as occasion requires, said flag to be in the custody of the janitor of public buildings.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and in the office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the above mentioned meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 22d day of February in the year of our Lord 1895.

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Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford.
William G. Hartwell

I hereby certify that by virtue of the warrant I have posted two copies; one at the Bedford House office and one at the Town Hall as within directed.

Benjamin F. Mills Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, Viz:—

Art 1st. Chose by ballot and use of check-list, George R. Blinn Moderator.

" 2nd. Voted: That the reports of the several town officers as they appear in the printed report be accepted and placed on file, also the report of the Selectmen on guide posts and boards.
By request the Committee on naming of streets were given further time in which to report.

" 3d Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one member of Shawsheen Cemetery Committee for three years, three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Highway Surveyor, and that they all be voted for on one

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ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock for the deposit of the same. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee. The Moderator appointed William W. Goodwin Albert P. Sampson and Wallace A. Caley, tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, who were duly sworn by the Moderator.

After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year,

Selectmen. Oliver J. Lane, Irving L. Hodgdon
William G. Hartwell.

Town Clerk, Charles A. Corey.

Assessors and Fence Viewers, Oliver J. Lane, Irving L. Hodgdon, William G. Hartwell.

Overseers of the Poor, Frank P. Filch, George W. Davis
William B. Hughes

Treasurer and Collector, Charles A. Corey,

Auditors, Wallace G. Webber, Edwin H. Blake,

Park Commissioner, 3 years, Elihu G. Loomis,

School Committee 3 years Mrs Mary E. Laws,

Trustee of Public Library, 4 years, Abram English Brown,

Cemetery Committee 3 years Charles W. Jenks,

Constables, Herbert E. Hartford. James W. Speedby
Edward P. Kelley.

Funeral Undertaker, D. Newton Hartwell,

Surveyor of Highways David L. B. Filch.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at-large,

Field Drivers: Harry L. Challies, Edward J. Skelton,
David L. B. Filch, William H. Mudge
George H. Howe,

Pound Keeper. The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being,

Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes
Charles A. Corey, Charles H. Clark, Wallace A. Caley

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Art. 3 Surveyors of Wood and Bark. Seward S. Chase. William H. Mendge, Charles A. Walker, George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Samuel C. Carter, Willis P. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes, Quincy L. Cole, George M. Parker.
Weighers of Grain. Elihu P. Loomis, Charles N. O'Dowd

" 4th. This article was taken up in connection with the third article and the town
Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock for the deposit of the same. Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty.
After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, it was found that one hundred and three ballots had been cast and were as follows:-
No, 86; Yes, 17.
The register on the ballot-box stood at 96.

" 5 Voted: That the town do raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year.

For Schools	$3450.00
" Text-books and School supplies	250.00
" Roads and bridges	2000.00
" Incidentals and removal of snow	2000.00
" Support of poor and purchase of stock	1200.00
" Care of and lighting street lamps	400.00
" Interest	1100.00
" Fire department	400.00
" Library	100.00
" Deficiencies	1000.00
" Soldiers' relief	150.00
" Decoration day	100.00
" Grade of highway from Bedford to Lexington line to Carlisle bridge	600.00

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Art- 6th Voted: Not to reconsider the vote in relation to the division of the money appropriated for the repair of highways and bridges,

" 7th Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the repair of the roads and bridges,

" 8th Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the collection of taxes, and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one-fourth of one per cent; upon all money collected and paid into the treasury,

" 9th Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be and hereby is authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use,

" 10th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time with the approval of the board of selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding five per cent, per annum; Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year,

" 11th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the board of selectmen such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt-

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Art. 11th which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest; and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor,

" 12th, Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Memorial day (See Art. 5th) and that the same be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee, and that the observance of the day be under the same Committee,

" 13th, Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the use of the Public Library.

" 14th, Voted: That the School Committee be authorized to make an arrangement to have school children conveyed from the B. J. Davis farm to the school house.

" 15th, Voted; That article 2d of the by-laws concerning truant children in the town of Bedford, adopted Nov 4th 1890, be altered by striking out the words "Lowell Reform School" and inserting in their place, County Truant School Chelmsford, so as to read as follows:-
All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets and public places in said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the County Truant School Chelmsford, for confinement, instruction and discipline.

" 16th, Voted: That four hundred dollars be taken from money in the treasury for the purpose of restocking the town farm with milch cows, and that not more than fifty dollars be paid for any one cow.

" 17th, Voted: That the town do pay one-half of the expense of the concrete work done on Main street in front of Fletcher block, and that the sum of forty eight dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

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Art- 18th. Voted: That this article be indefinitely postponed,

19th. Voted: To to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars, to purchase a suitable flag and the necessary halliards, to be raised on the flag staff at the head of Wilson Park as occasion may require, said property to be in the custody of the janitor of public buildings, and that the Selectmen be a committee to carry the above vote into effect-

Voted: That in the future, the warrant for town meeting be printed for the use of voters,

Voted: To adjourn,

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey
Town Clerk.

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To Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the polls will be opened, (and they must be kept open four hours at least,) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General an Auditor, a Councillor for the 6th Councillor District a Senator for the 5th Middlesex District, a District Attorney, a Sheriff for Middlesex County, a County Commissioner, two Special County Commissioners, three Commissioners of Insolvency, a Representative in the General Court for the 19th Middlesex District,

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Also to vote Yes or No. on the following question. Viz:-
Is it expedient that Municipal Suffrage be granted to women?-
Also to act on the following articles relating to town affairs, Viz:-

Art-1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

" 2nd. To act on the revision and acceptance of a list of persons to serve as jurors as presented by the Selectmen.

" 3rd. To see if the town will vote to widen and repair the private way leading from Concord road to the Rail Road at Shady Hill Station.

" 4th. To see if the town will petition the County Commissioners to lay out and build a highway from the Rail Road Crossing at the Sand hill cut to a point on the main road from Bedford to Lexington.

" 5th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue as a public highway the road from the corner near the house of Barbara Clark to Lexington line.

" 6th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to send a team to convey the children of Frank T. Lawrence to and from the town school.

" 7th. To see what action the town will take in relation to the demand of the County Commissioners for the payment of one thousand dollars on account of repairs on Carlisle road.

" 8th. To see if the town will pay one-half of the total expense of concreting front of the Kitchen block on Main Street to J. T. Richardson's line

" 9th. To see if the town will vote to procure a suitable case to preserve the flag given to the town by Captain Cyrus Page.

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The time of acting on the matter in the warrant relating to town affairs is fixed at 2. O'Clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at or before the time and place of the meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 26th day of October A.D. 1895

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of Bedford.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and also at the Office of the Bedford House nine days before the said fifth day of November, as directed.

Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford.

A true copy Attest
Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 5th 1895.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows; The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County Officers at 6 o'clock A.M. Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty. The key was then given to the Constable in attendance. After closing the polls at the time specified, the register stood at one hundred and fifty six, and one hundred and sixty ballots were found in the ballot-box and agreed with the number of names checked on the voting list.

The Selectmen appointed Frederic A. Butler and John E. English ballot-clerks and John E. English and Henry Desmarais, tellers, who were duly sworn.

After closing the polls, all the ballots given in were sorted, counted and recorded and public declaration thereof made and were for the following persons, namely:-

Governor.

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell	104 Votes
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	2 "
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	1 "
George Fred Williams of Dedham	21 "
Blanks	5 "

Lieutenant Governor

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield	1 "
James L. Grinnell of Greenfield	18 "
Edward S. Rogers of Lee	3 "
Roger Wolcott of Boston	101 "
Blanks	10 "

Secretary

Edward J. Flynn of Boston	17 "
Joseph F. Maloney of Lynn	1 "
William M. Olin of Boston	101 "
Willard O. Wylie of Essex	4 "
Blanks	10 "

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Treasurer.

Wilbur M. Burrington of Williamsburg	3 Votes
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	98 "
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley	19 "
Blanks	13 "

Auditor.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	98 "
Frederick A. Nagler of West-Springfield	1 "
Herman L. Regnell of Attleborough	2 "
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston	19 "
Blanks	13 "

Attorney General

Frank M. Forbush of Natick	3 "
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	18 "
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	98 "
Conrad Reno of Boston	2 "
Blanks	2

Councillor, 6th Dist.

John M. Harlow of Woburn	102 "
Oliver A. Libby of Lowell	16 "
Blanks	15

Senator. 5th Mid Dist.

George J. Burns of Ayer	105 "
James H. Connolly of Woburn	17
Blanks	11

Representative 19 Mid Dist.

William R. Hayden of Bedford	104
George Roper of Lincoln	16
Blanks	13

District Attorney

Freeman Hunt of Cambridge	15 "
Fred N. Weir of Lowell	101 "
Blanks	17

County Commissioner

Francis Bigelow of Natick	95 "
Peter A. Fay of Lowell	16 "
Blanks	22

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Special Commissioner.

Lyman Dike of Stoneham	85 Votes
John A. Catley of Lowell	11 "
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn	61 "
Fred W. Trowbridge 2nd of Hudson	12 "
Blanks	97

Sheriff.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell	103 "
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell	13 "
Blanks	17

Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be granted to women? Yes 80. No 54.

Voted: That the polls for the choice of state and county officers be closed at 4 o'clock P.M.
Number of male voters, 133. female, 27.

Town Affairs

Art. 1st. Chose by ballot and use of check list Thomas B. Hosmer Moderator.

" 2nd. Voted: To excuse Joseph Green from serving as juror and that the name of Charles C. Quigg be added to the list.
Voted: That the list of names as presented by the Selectmen and amended by the town be accepted to serve as jurors. The following is the list:
Durrin S. Cole, Charles H. Clark, Clifford L. Day, George F. Davis, Fred Davis, Charles E. Quigg, Ernest H. Hosmer, Edwin A. Hartwell, Irving L. Hodgdon, Harrison D. Hodgdon, Isaac E. Fitch, George W. Libby, Albert P. Sampson, James W. Spredby, Francis Rodman.

" 3d Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to take the necessary steps to make the way referred to in this article a public way, and that they proceed to repair the same in a proper manner. Provided, that the Shady Hill Nursery Company will deed to

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Art- 3d the town the necessary land therefor.

" 4th Voted: That the Selectmen be appointed to get a petition before the County Commissioners for a road from the R.R. crossing near the sand bank in North Lexington to the Main road from Bedford to Lexington near Ryans hill so called, or from the first point to North Lexington Highlands.

" 5th Voted: To discontinue as a public highway the road from the corner near the house of Barbara Clark to Lexington line

" 6th Voted: To instruct the School Committee to send a team to convey the children of Frank T. Lawrence to and from the public school.

" 7th Voted: That a committee of three, consisting of Oliver J. Lane Edwin H. Blake and Wallace G. Webber be appointed to confer with the County Commissioners with regard to the bill for grading the Carlisle road, with power to act immediately on the same.

" 8th Voted: That the town do pay one half of the total expense of concreting front of the Fletcher block on Main street to F. T. Richardsons line.

" 9th Voted: That the Trustees of the Bedford Free Public Library Corporation be, and hereby are authorized to purchase a suitable case for the safe keeping of the flag given to the town by the late Capt. Cyrus Page, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the bill for the same from any unexpended balance that may be in the treasury.

At 8-30 P.M. the town

Voted: To adjourn

A true record Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Town Clerks Meeting Nov 15th 1895.

This certifies that the whole number of votes cast in Representative District No 19 for Representative in the General Court were as follows:

Concord	For William R. Hayden		348	George Ropes		188.
Lexington	"	"	"	323	"	"	146
Lincoln	"	"	"	68	"	"	56
Burlington	"	"	"	30	"	"	25
Bedford	"	"	"	104	"	"	16
				872			431.

Attest

Charles E. Brown Town Clerk of Concord
Leonard A. Saville " " " Lexington
Charles A. Coey " " " Bedford
Samuel Sewall " " " Burlington
James L. Chapin " " " Lincoln.

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Middlesex S. S.

To Edward F. Kelley Constable of Bedford.

Greeting:- In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the second day of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, Viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear the reports of town officers and committees and act on the same.

" 3rd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

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Art- 4th. To vote on the following question, Viz: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford: Yes or No.

" 5 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same, also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1895-96.

" 6th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 7th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of taxes, to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. To see what action the town will take in relation to purchasing any Underwriter's fire extinguishers.

" 10th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 11th To see what action the town will take in relation to the care of the street lamps.

" 12th. To see what action the town will take in the matter of the transportation of the school children from the several districts to the school house in the centre of the town.

" 13th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

" 14th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may

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be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest.

Art 15th. By request of the Historical Society, To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for a patriotic meeting to be held on April 19th.

" 16th. By the request of the Historical Society. To see if the town will vote to complete the marking of graves of soldiers of the revolution, and make an appropriation for the same.

" 17th. By request of the Shawsheen Cemetery Committee, To see if the town will reimburse the cemetery fund to the amount paid for securing a water supply in said cemetery.

" 18th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of repairing and refurnishing the interior of the alms house, or do any thing relating thereto.

" 19th. By request of Irving C. Wait, To see if the town will pay the town of Billerica for the tuition of his children at the public school in South Billerica.

" 20th. To see if the town will discontinue and withdraw from its union with the towns of Billerica Burlington and Lincoln, for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, and rescind the vote by which it united with those towns for such purpose; and will vote to dispense with the employment of a Superintendent of Schools in the future or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 21st. To see what action the town will take in relation to procuring new seats for the town hall.

" 22nd. To see if the town will vote a special appropriation of one hundred dollars to be expended exclusively on the Spring road.

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Art. 23d To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to pay the claim of the County Commissioners on account of grading on River Street.

" 24th To see if the town will accept the report of the Committee appointed Nov 6th 1894. to investigate the names of the streets of the town, and will adopt the recommendations thereof, or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 25th To see if the town will choose a committee to investigate the matter of a water supply, said committee to be empowered to procure estimates of the probable cost, and report at a future meeting.

" 26th To see what action the town will take in relation to making the safety vault a suitable receptacle in which to keep the public records &c. belonging to the town.

" 27th To see if the town will vote to provide a suitable lockup

" 28th To see what action the town will take in relation to accepting and finishing the street as laid out by the Selectmen through the land of Alvina M. Fletcher, as per notice of same filed in the Town Clerk's Office Feb 4th 1893.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House eight days at least before the time of the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said town at or before the time and place of said meeting.

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Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety six.

Oliver J. Lane
Irving L. Hodgdon } Selectmen of
William G. Hartwell } Bedford.

Bedford Mass Feb 21st 1896.
I have served the within warrant as directed, by posting an attested copy at the Office of the Bedford House, and also at the Town Hall, nine days before said Town Meeting.

Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the subject matter contained therein as follows, Viz:-

Art 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list. George R. Blunt Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the reports of the several Town Officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on guide boards, be accepted and placed on file.

The following report of the Selectmen was accepted and laid on the table.

In accordance with a vote passed by the town at the meeting held Nov 5th 1895, in relation to building a road from Concord road through land belonging to the Lively Hill Nursery Corporation, to the land of the Middlesex Central Railroad, the Selectmen beg leave to offer the following report. On Nov 6th the board proceeded to lay out a

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road way between the above mentioned points, thirty five feet in width, commencing at the north west corner as the wall stands, and running southerly on the line very nearly of said wall five hundred and twenty five (525) feet more or less to the land of said Railroad, then easterly on the line of said Railroad land thirty five (35) feet, thence northerly on a line parallel with the first mentioned line, to the said Concord road, The proposition was to commence the work at once and push it through to completion, but the Shady Hill Nursery Corporation failing to give to the town a deed of the land taken for the roadway, nothing was done in the way of building the road, We suggest that the matter be referred to the Selectmen with the understanding that as soon as the said Corporation fulfil their agreement and give the town a clear title to the land taken for said roadway, that the same be built forthwith, and that the town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to defray the expense of the same.

Respectfully submitted, Oliver J. Lane Irving L. Hodgdon William S. Hartwell Selectmen of Bedford.

The following report was accepted and the Committee given further time.

The Committee chosen to confer with the County Commissioners in regard to the bill for grading the road from the Carlisle bridge towards town, will report that they saw the Commissioners at their office, and all the satisfaction we got was, we were told that they would look into the matter and possibly might make a reduction in the amount charged to the town, We were hoping they would let us know what to expect before our annual meeting, but we have heard nothing from them, so we must consider that we owe the County one thousand dollars, Oliver J. Lane Edwin H. Blake Wallace C. Webber. Committee

Art. 3d Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the

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Poor, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, also one member for the unexpired term, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one member of Hawthorn Cemetery Committee for three years, three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Highway Surveyor, and that they all be voted for on ballots by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock for the deposit of the same. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee,

The Moderator appointed Quincy L. Cole, Edwin H. Blake, Albert F. Simpson, tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and they were duly sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties,

After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Selectmen, William G. Hartwell, Irving L. Hodgdon and Arthur H. Parker

Town Clerk, Charles A. Corey.

Assessors and Fence Viewers, William G. Hartwell, Irving L. Hodgdon and Arthur H. Parker

Overseers of the Poor, William G. Hartwell, Irving L. Hodgdon and Arthur H. Parker.

Treasurer and Collector, Charles A. Corey

Auditors, Wallace G. Webber and Edwin H. Blake.

Park Commissioner 3 years Henry Wood.

School Committee for unexpired term Ernest H. Hosmer.

School Committee for 3 years George R. Blinn.

Trustee of Library for 4 years George R. Blinn.

Cemetery Committee for 3 years, Abram E. Brown.

Constables, Herbert E. Hartford, Clifford L. Day, Levi Williams.

Funeral Undertaker. J. Newton Hartwell.

Surveyor Highways, David L. B. Tilch.

The following officers were chosen by nomination at large.

For Field Drivers, Harry L. Challies, Edward J. Skillen, David L. B. Tilch, William H. Mudge, George H. Howe.

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Art. 3 Pound Keeper. The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.
Surveyors of Lumber, Emerson B. Cutler, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles A. Corey, Charles H. Clark, Quincy S. Cole
Surveyors of Wood and Bark, Leonard S. Chase, William H. Mudge, Charles A. Waller, George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Samuel P. Carter, Willis G. Lane, Charles A. Corey, Daniel E. Haynes, Quincy S. Cole, George M. Parker.
Weighers of Grain, Elihu G. Loomis, Charles N. O'Dowd.

" 4th. This article was taken up in connection with article three, and the vote
Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballot on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same.
After closing the polls at the time specified and counting the ballots, it was found that one hundred and fifty three ballots had been cast and were as follows: No 121, Yes 32.

" 5th. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year, viz:-

For Schools	$ 3450,00
Text-books and school supplies	250.00
Roads and bridges	2000.00
Bridges	100.00
Incidentals and removal of snow	2000.00
Support of poor	1200.00
Care of and lighting street lamps	400.00
Payment of interest	1100.00
Deficiencies	300,00
Payment of town debt	500.00
Fire department	400,00
Public Library	200.00
Soldiers relief fund	150.00
Decoration day, the same to be expended under the direction of a committee consisting of the boards of Selectmen and Cemetery Committee	100.00

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Art. 6th. Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the repair of the roads and bridges.

" 7th. Voted: To adopt the same method as last year for the collection of taxes and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one fourth of one per cent upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 8th. Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be, and hereby is, authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 10th. Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the Public Library.

" 11th. Voted: That the subject matter of this article be referred to a committee of three with instructions to report at the next town meeting. Voted: That this committee be appointed by the chair. The Chair appointed Elihu C. Loomis Abram E. Brown and Albert P. Sampson.
Voted: That the committee enquire of the town of Deerfield what the lamps and posts not used by that town at present can be purchased for and report at next meeting.

" 12th. Voted: That the subject-matter contained in this article be referred to the School Committee.

" 13th. Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding

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Art. 13th five per cent. per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

" 14th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor,

" 15th Voted: That the town do grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting to be held on April 19th by request of the Historical Society.

" 16th By request of the Historical Society the town Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars to complete the marking of the graves of soldiers of the revolution. $40.00

" 17th Voted: That the town do reimburse the Cemetery Fund to the amount paid for securing a water supply in Shawsheen Cemetery and that the amount necessary for that purpose be appropriated from any unexpended balance in the treasury. $87.33

" 18th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of repairing and refurnishing the interior of the Alms House. $250.00

" 19th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen dollars to pay to the town of Billerica for the tuition of the children of Irving C. Waite in the public school in South Billerica $15.00

" 20 Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 21st Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

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Art. 22nd. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be expended exclusively on Spring road. $100,00

" 23rd. Voted: To lay this article on the table.

" 24th. Voted: That the report of the Committee to consider the names of the streets of the town be accepted and that the names of the streets and roads be and hereby are changed in accordance with said report: and that said Committee provide and cause to be erected suitable sign boards and that a sum sufficient for that purpose is hereby appropriated from any unexpended balance in the treasury.

Report: The Committee appointed Nov 6th. 1894, to consider the names of streets hereby submit the following report: That the names of the streets, avenues and roads within the town be and remain as they now are except as herein below specified.

The road running from Wilson Park to Concord line Concord Road.
The road now called West Street, Davis Road.
Road from Wilson Park to Billerica line, North Road.
From said North Road to Concord River, Carlisle Road.
The road now called Hewkins Street. Dudley Road.
" " " " Chelmsford Street. Chelmsford Road
" " " " Spring Street. Spring Road.
" " " " Page Street. Page Road
" " " " Mill Street. Old Road to Billerica
" " from Mill Street to Burlington line, Burlington Road.
" " " Burlington Road to Page Street: Wilson Road.
" " " Page Street by Cemetery to Main Street; Shawsheen Road
" " " Wilson Park to Lexington. The Great Road
" " " Main St. by the Mudge Place to Lexington, South Road.
" " now called Forest Street, Hartwell Road.
New road from Barbara Clarks to Lexington. Merriam Road.
Road from South Road to Lincoln line. Lincoln Road.
" " Mt Loomis to Page St., Brookside Road.

Your committee is in correspondence with Mass. Highway Commission in regard to suitable sign boards, but we have been unable to procure a sample in time for this meeting

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Art - 24th. We would recommend that this Committee be authorized to procure the sign boards adopted by the Commission to be erected in suitable places to mark the roads of the town, providing said Committee deem it expedient to use such sign boards, otherwise that the Committee be instructed to procure and cause to be erected ordinary wooden sign boards painted white with black letters.

George R. Blair Chairman.

" 25th. Voted: That a committee of five be chosen to obtain the necessary information with regard to supplying the town of Bedford with water, either for fire or general use and the cost of sewerage, and that the sum of fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for service of surveyor and necessary expenses. $50.00
Voted: That said Committee be appointed by the Chair
The Chairman appointed, Wallace G. Webber, Charles W. Jenks, Elihu G. Loomis, William R. Hayden, and Albert P. Sampson.

" 26 Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen and that they report at a future meeting.

" 27 Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen and that they report at a future meeting.

" 28 Voted: That a committee of three be appointed, consisting of the board of selectmen chosen at this meeting, to ascertain the probable expense of the land and of building said street as laid out by the Selectmen and to report at the next town meeting.

Resolved: That the Committee on Public Building be instructed to grant the free use of the Town Hall to the School Committee for the use of the public scholars for their graduation exercises; the Shawsheen Engine Company for their annual dance; and to the Natural History Society for next Wednesday Evening.

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Resolved: That the town appoint Mr George R. Blinn to look after the interest of the town, to see that the County Commissioners do finish the road in Lexington from the Railroad Crossing at the Cut, to Ryons, according to the survey, or see if the town cannot collect from the County for the money expended on the road from Barbara Clark's corner to Lexington line, which is of no value to the town, unless the road is finished to Ryon's hill.

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be given Mr Oliver J. Lane for his valuable services as a town officer for the last twenty five years, and that the same be placed on the records of the town, and a copy of this vote, so cordially given Mr Lane, by a rising vote of the town, be handed him by the clerk.

Voted: To adjourn.

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

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Middlesex S.S. To Clifford L. Day Constable of the town of Bedford, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Tuesday the third day of November next, at 6 o'clock A.M. at which time the polls will be opened, and they may be closed at 4 o'clock P.M. to give in their votes to the Election Officers of said meeting for 15 Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; A Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, a Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Attorney General, Councillor, Representative in Congress from the 4th Congressional District, Senator, Representative in General Court, Clerk of Courts, County Commissioner

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Also to vote on the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, to wit; First article of Amendment: Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections of state officers be approved and ratified? Yes or No.
Second Article of amendment; Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution establishing biennial elections for members of the general court be approved and ratified; Yes or No.
Also to act on the following articles of Town Affairs, viz;

Art- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

" 2nd To hear the report from Committees chosen to present the same and act on such reports as the town may deem expedient;

" 3d To see if the town will accept a list of persons to serve as Jurors, as presented by the Selectmen.

" 4th To see what action the town will take, if any, to repair and widen Spring St and cut the brush on the same

" 5th To see what action, if any, the town will take to lay out and build a street, from Bedford Springs Railroad Station to the main St running from Bedford to the town of Billerica.

" 6th To see what action, if any, the town will take to reconsider its vote, whereby it repealed its previous action, authorizing and granting to the State, the right to run Massachusetts Avenue (so called) from Bedford to Billerica line, which was afterwards repealed at an adjourned meeting of the town, and the route changed to Carlisle Bridge, in the said town of Bedford. The object of this article is to see if the town will annul its last vote and adopt and recommend its original line of route to the Billerica line.

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Art. 7th. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to run the East-barge to the house of Frank T. Lawrence.

" 8th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $350. for the use of the Public Schools or do any thing in relation to the same

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Bedford House office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not; and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at or before the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1896.

Irving L. Hodgdon
William G. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.
Arthur H. Parker

Middlesex S.S.

Bedford Oct 24th 1896. This is to certify that I have posted an attested copy of the within warrant, one at the Town Hall and one at the Bedford House office, eight days at least before the said third day of November within mentioned, as within directed.

Clifford L. Day Constable of Bedford.

A true copy
Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 3rd 1896.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows. The Selectmen opened the polls for State and County officers at 6 o'clock A.M. Before opening the polls the ballot-box was shown to be empty. After closing the polls the ballot-box register stood at 177. and one hundred and seventy-six ballots were found in the box. and agreed with the number of names checked on the voting list. The Selectmen appointed William W. Goodwin and Frank M. Goddard. ballot-clerks, and John Carlisle and Edward Walz 2. tellers. who were duly sworn. After closing the polls, all the ballots given in were sorted. counted and recorded, and public declaration thereof made and were for the following persons, namely:-

For Electors of President and Vice President

At-Large

			Votes
Ernest C. Marshall of Boston,	fifteen	(15)	Votes
Daniel W. Kenney of Holyoke	fifteen	(15)	"
Henry Winn of Malden	one	(1)	"
John D. A. Brackett of Arlington	one hundred and fifty four		"
William H. Hoile of Springfield,	one hundred and fifty four		"
Thomas J. Gargan of Boston,	two	(2)	"
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield		(2)	"
Blanks,	nine	(9)	

District No 1

William B. Mahoney of Westfield	15	"
Frank S. Gross of Lee	1	"
Franklin Carter of Williamstown	154	"
James W. Hull of Pittsfield	2	"
Blanks	4	"

District No 2.

Joseph F. Callanan of Springfield	15	"
William M. E. Mullen of Chicopee	1	"
Augustus Coolidge of Athol	154	"
Leander B. Morse of Athol	2	"
Blanks	4	"

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District No 3

Levi Barker of Worcester	15 Votes
Enoch Earle of Worcester	1 "
Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge	154 "
Eben L. Stevens of Dudley	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 4

Henry J. Jacquith of Wellesley	16 "
Charles H. Moulton of Waltham	154 "
Charles J. Williams of Acton	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 5

Michael O'Mahoney of Lawrence	15 "
James E. Donoghue of Lawrence	1 "
Joseph Miller of Lowell	154 "
Sam D. Stevens of North Andover	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 6.

James P. Dearborn of Haverhill	15 "
Thomas Sanders of Haverhill	1 "
Sylvanus Smith of Gloucester	154 "
Robert S. Runtond of Salem	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 7.

Edward B. Newhall of Lynn	15 "
William J. Buckley of Everett	1 "
Edward W. Lia Croix of Lynn	154 "
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 8.

John P. McCormick of Cambridge	16 "
Robert O. Fuller of Cambridge	154 "
Godfrey Morse of Boston	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 9.

James J. Lanigan of Boston	15 "
William J. Burke of Boston	1 "
Peter Morrison of Boston	154 "
Sigourney Butler of Boston	2 "
Blanks	4 "

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District No 10.

Quincy A. Lothrop of Boston	16 Votes
John C. Cobb of Milton	154 "
Daniel J. Pendergast of Boston	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 11.

William D. Lehay of Milford	15 "
James Jeffrey Roach of Brookline	1 "
William H. Powers of Hyde Park	154 "
James E. Cotter of Hyde Park	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 12.

Francis A. Hobart of Braintree	16 "
Henry A. Thomas of Weymouth	154 "
Charles G. Davis of Plymouth	2 "
Blanks	4 "

District No 13.

Thomas J. Meaney of New Bedford	15 "
Charles H. Lane of Tisbury	1 "
Edmund Anthony Jr of Fairhaven	154 "
Louis B. Thacher of Yarmouth	2 "
Blanks	4 "

For Governor

Thomas C. Brophy of Somerville	S. Labor Party	
Allen Coffin of Nantucket	Prohibition	1 "
George Fred Williams of Dedham	Democratic	12 "
" " " " "	Bryan Nom Papers	2 "
Roger Wolcott of Boston	Republican	134 "
Blanks		27 "

Lieutenant-Governor

Christopher T. Callahan of Holyoke	16 "
W. Murray Crane of Dalton	124 "
James E. McConnell of Fitchburg	1 "
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	1 "
Blanks	34

Secretary

Waldo Lincoln of Worcester	2 "
William M. Olin of Boston	120 "
Joseph H. Potts of Lynn	13 "
Blanks	41

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Treasurer

Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport	119 Votes
Horace P. Tobey of Wareham	8 "
Thomas A. Watson of Braintree	8 "
Blanks	41 "

Auditor.

Maurice P. Cavanaugh of Springfield	1 "
Maurice J. Fitzgerald of Boston	13 "
Thomas A. Russell of Hinsdale	2 "
John W. Kimball of Fitchburg	116 "
William P. Rowell of Marblehead	1 "
Charles C. Spellman of Springfield	2 "
Blanks	41 "

Attorney General

Wolcott Hamlin of Amherst	1 "
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn	2 "
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford	120 "
John R. O'Donnell of Northampton	13 "
Blanks	40

Councillor.

William E. Rand of Concord	19 "
Elisha H. Shaw of Chelmsford	116 "
Blanks	41

Senator, 6 Dist.

William H. Bigham of Hudson	116 "
Alvin Fisher of Westford	19 "
Blanks	41 "

Representative in General Court.

Charles E. Barron of Concord	123 "
William R. Hayden of Bedford	1 "
Blanks	52 "

Clerk of Courts.

Theodore C. Hurd of Winchester	109 "
Blanks	67 "

Representative in Congress.

J. Porter Morse of Marlborough	19 "
George W. Weymouth of Fitchburg	114
Blanks	43

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For County Commissioner.

Alex S. Gould of Melrose	113 Votes
George A. Perkins of Cambridge	21 "
Blanks	42.

First Article of Amendment.

Yes	51.
No	44.
Blanks	81.

Second Article of Amendment.

Yes	43.
No	44.
Blanks	87.

Town Affairs.

Art 1st. Chose by ballot and use of checklist Edwin H. Blake Moderator.

" 2nd. No reports of committees presented.

" 3rd Voted: To accept the following list of persons to serve as jurors, as presented by the Selectmen:
Frank M. Goddard, Dudley Hartford, Henry M. Ernsting, Edwin H. Blake, T. Mason Norton, John Kavanagh, Arthur N. Blake, Benjamin F. Mills, Elmer E. Waite, Edmund L. Skelton, Fay L. Kenrick, James N. Spredby, Byron H. Davis, Harry E. Moulton, Frank H. Rowe

" 4th. Voted: That this article be referred to the Highway Surveyor
Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to see that the balance of the money appropriated for repairs on Spring street be expended during this month.

" 5th. Voted: That this article be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair, to confer with Mr Hayden in relation to this article and to report at a future meeting: And that it is the sense of this meeting that the town do build the road asked for under Article 5th of warrant for Nov 3d 1896.
The Chair appointed Oliver J. Lane Wallace P. Weston and Moses E. Rowe.

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Art-6th. No action taken under this article.

" 7th. Voted: That the School Committee be instructed to send the barge to the house of Frank T. Lawrence from the present time until the first of April.

" 8th. Voted: That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from money in the treasury for this purpose, and that the same be raised by assessment in the year 1897.

Voted: That the polls be closed at 4-35 P.M.

Voted: To adjourn

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Concord Nov 13th 1896.

This certifies that whole number of votes cast in Representative District No 17. for Representative in the General Court was as follows:

	Bedford	Concord	Lincoln	Weston		
Charles E. Brown	123	520	99	226	=	968
William R. Hayden	1	1	2		=	4
George A. King		4			=	4
John W. Cull		2			=	2
John H. Cowe		1			=	1
Thomas F. Mullen		1			=	1
Frank E. Cutter		1			=	1
Arthur Coburn				1	=	1

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk of Bedford
Charles E. Brown " " " Concord
James L. Chapin " " " Lincoln
George H. Cutting " " " Weston

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 28th 1896.

Middlesex S. S.

To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford, Greeting:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Saturday the twenty eighth day of November 1896 at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following matter relating to Town affairs:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear the report of the committee appointed at the town meeting Nov 3rd. to confer with Dr Wm R. Hayden in regard to a road which he asks the town to build and act on the said report.

" 3rd. To see if the town will vote to build the said road or take any action in relation to the same.

" 4th. To see if the town will choose a committee and authorize the said committee to procure a survey of the route of the said road.

" 5th. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be expended on the highway

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Bedford House Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bedford this 19th day of November A.D. 1896.

Irving L. Hodgdon
William G. Hartwell
Arthur H. Butler
} Selectmen of Bedford.

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Bedford Nov 20th 1896.

This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Bedford House Office as within directed

Levi Williams Constable of Bedford.

A true copy

Attest Elmira F. Covey Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Nov 28th 1896.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list Edwin H. Blake Moderator

" 2nd Mr Oliver J. Lane presented the following report for the committee which was accepted by the town.

The Committee appointed at the town meeting Nov 3rd to confer with Dr Hayden in the matter of a proposed road he asks the town to build from North Avenue easterly to the line of his estate near the Bedford Springs railroad station, respectfully submit the following report.

We met Dr Hayden on the 16th inst. and went over the route of the proposed road. We find that Dr Hayden has already laid out a road fifty feet wide from the railroad westerly as far as his land extends and has graded the same, and finished the road bed so that with a comparatively small expense it can be made in good condition for travel. This piece of the road is 784 feet in length and the Doctor agrees to finish the same complete and give it to the town in consideration of the town agreeing to build the remainder from his line to North Avenue. Starting from the Doctor's line the route passes through Mrs Jacksons pasture a distance of 660 feet more or less. The line of road would divide Mrs Jacksons pasture nearly in the centre.

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and would follow approximately a right of way which the Doctor now has the entire distance across this said pasture land. Leaving Mrs Jackson's land to the right going westerly, the route strikes Mr Dutton's land and crosses it in a diagonal line a distance of 509 feet more or less. Taking the width of the road out of this land it would leave a triangular corner on the north side of the road the area of which would probably be in the vicinity of 3/4 of an acre.
From the west wall on this last-mentioned piece of land the route extends westerly to North Avenue a distance of 365 feet more or less. This last would take land from both Mr Dutton and Mrs Jackson but the greater part from Mrs Jackson. We are not prepared at this time to state what the owners would require as damage for land taken, but presume that a satisfactory settlement could be made with each one.
In regard to the road from the railroad easterly to Spring street so called, Dr Hayden will reserve the right to control the travel over the same, but from his conversation the committee would infer that there would be no objection ever offered for any legitimate travel over this section of road. In regard to the expense of building the road we are unable at this time to make any report, but would recommend that the town do build the road providing that it can be done for a sum not exceeding $2000. including the settlement of all land damage, and the fencing of the same throughout.

Oliver J. Lane
W. P. Webber } Committee.
M. E. Rowe

Art. 3rd. Voted: That the town do build the road for the amount not to exceed two thousand dollars, which shall include all land damages, grading fencing the same and fully complete the road. This vote was taken by a yea and nay vote and the check list used, sixty voting in the affirmative and eight in the negative.

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Voted: That the Chair appoint a committee of three to petition the Selectmen to lay out the road as proposed, and to carry into effect the vote just passed in relation to building the road
The Chair appointed Oliver J. Lane Wallace G. Webber and Moses E. Rowe.

Art 4th Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 5th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to be expended on other highway money under the direction of the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record
Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting Mar 1st 1897.

Middlesex:- To either of the Constables of the town of Bedford. Greeting:- In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Monday the first day of March next, at 9 o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles relating to town affairs, viz:-

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To hear reports from the several Town Officers, and act on said reports.

" 3rd To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, the polls to be kept open for voting for said officers the length of time the meeting may decide on.

" 4th To vote on the following question:- Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Bedford? Yes or No.

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Art- 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same. Also to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriations for the year 1896, 97

" 6th. To see what method the town will adopt for the repairs of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

" 7th. To designate the time and manner of collecting the taxes and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

" 8th. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

" 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for, or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest.

" 11th. To see in what manner the town will vote to observe Memorial Day.

" 12th. To see for what purpose the town will appropriate the money received for dog licenses.

" 13th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00, or any other sum for the care and improvement of the Old Burying Ground

" 14th. To see if the town will grant the free use of the town hall for a Patriotic Meeting under the direction of the Historical Society, to be held on or about the 19th of April

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Art. 15th To see if the town will take action towards providing a better entrance to Shawsheen Cemetery and build a suitable receiving tomb, or do any thing in relation to the same

" 16th To see if the town will vote to discontinue that portion of the highway leading from the Lincoln road to the Mead Place so called

" 17th To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty five ($45.00) dollars for the purchase of a snow plough.

" 18th To see if the town will take any action in regard to providing police service as recommended by the Selectmen in their annual report.

" 19th To see what action the town will take in regard to settling the claim of Charles H. Clark.

" 20th To see if the town will enlarge the town hall by remodeling the inside front partition so as to enlarge the present seating capacity or do any thing in relation to the same.

" 21st To see if the town will accept the provisions of section sixty nine (69) and seventy three (73) inclusive of chapter twenty seven (27) of the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth and acts in amendment and substitution thereof in regard to the election and duties of Overseers of the Poor or do any thing in relation thereto.

" 22nd To see if the town will vote to increase the pay of members of the Fire Department from six dollars to ten dollars per year.

" 23rd By request of members of the Engine Company, to see if the town will vote to provide a pole for new fire engine.

" 24th To see if the town will vote to accept the doings of the Selectmen in the matter of laying out a road from land of Doctor Wm R. Hayden near the Bedford Springs Railroad Station

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Art. 24th. to a point on North Avenue as per record of the same as filed with the Town Clerk.

" 25th. To see in what manner the town will vote to raise the sum of two thousand dollars to defray the expense of building the said road in accordance with a vote passed by the town at a special town meeting held November 28th 1896.

" 26th. To see if the town will reconsider its vote whereby it voted for the extension of the so called Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington to the Carlisle bridge in the said town of Bedford.

" 27th. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Authorities to continue Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington through Main street, and North Avenue to the Billerica line in the said town of Bedford.

" 28th. To see if the town will take any action towards providing a suitable building to be used as a pest-house, or do any thing in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof one at the Town Hall and one in the Office of the Bedford House in the said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Irving L. Hodgdon
William P. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.
Arthur H. Parker

Bedford Feb 20th 1897. This certifies that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies of the same as within directed. C. L. Day Constable

A true copy Attest Charles A. Carey Town Clerk.

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice, the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows, Viz:-

Art. 1st Chose by ballot and use of check list George R. Blinn Moderator.

" 2nd Voted: That the report of the several town officers as they appear in the printed book, also the report of the Selectmen on new road from Fifth avenue to Bedford Springs R. R. Station; report on safety vault and lockup; report on Fletcher avenue and report on guide boards, be accepted and placed on file.

" 3rd Voted: That the polls be now opened for the choice of three Selectmen, a Town Clerk, three Assessors, three Fence Viewers, three Overseers of the Poor, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, a Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, two Auditors, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for four years, one Cemetery Committee for three years three Constables, one Funeral Undertaker, one Surveyor of Highways, and that they all be voted for on one ballot by each voter, and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock. Also that the polls be kept open the same length of time for women to deposit votes for School Committee.

The Moderator appointed J. Newton Hartwell and William M. Goodwin, tellers, to assist in receiving and counting the votes, and they duly sworn by the Moderator. After closing the polls at the time specified, and counting the ballots, the Moderator announced that the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

For Selectmen, Assessors and Fence Viewers

Irving L. Hodgdon, William C. Hartwell, Willis G. Lane.

For Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

Charles A. Corey.

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Art. 3rd. For Overseers of the Poor.
s William G. Hartwell, 3 years. s William B. Hughes, 2 years. s James M. Speedby, 1 year.

For Auditors.
Wallace G. Webber. Edwin H. Blake.

For Park Commissioner
Stephen A. Wood M.D. for three years

For School Committee for three years
Ernest H. Horner.

For Trustee of Public Library for four years
Charles W. Jenks.

For Cemetery Committee for three years
George R. Blinn.

For Constables,
Frank M. Poddard s, Edward P. Kelley s, Levi Williams s.

For Funeral Undertaker
J. Newton Hartwell.

For Surveyor of Highways.
David L. B. Fitch s

The following officers were chosen by nomination at-large.

For Field Drivers.
Harry L. Challen, Edward J. Skillin, David L. B. Fitch s,
William H. Mudge, George H. Howe.

For Pound Keeper.
The Superintendent of the Town Farm for the time being.

For Surveyors of Lumber.
Emerson B. Cutler s, Daniel E. Haynes, Charles A. Corey s,
Charles H. Clark, Quincy L. Cole s

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Art. 3rd. Surveyors of Wood and Bark.

Seward S. Chase, William H. Mudge, Charles A. Walter, George H. Howe, Charles H. Clark, Samuel G. Carter, Willis G. Loomis, Charles A. Grey, Daniel E. Haynes, Dudley S. Cole, George M. Parker.

For Weighers of Grain.

Elihu G. Loomis, Charles W. O'Dowd.

For Tree Warden.

Charles W. Jenks.

" 4th. This article was taken up in connection with article three, and the town

Voted: That the polls be now opened for the deposit of ballots on the license question, and that the polls be kept open until 4-45 o'clock P.M. for the deposit of the same.

After closing the polls and counting the ballots it was found that ninety five ballots had been cast and were as follows: Yes, 3. No. 92

" 5th. Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the ensuing year:- viz:-

For Schools	$4200.00
Text-books and school supplies	300.00
Roads and bridges	2500.00
Incidentals and removal of snow	2000.00
Support of poor	1400.00
Soldiers relief fund	150.00
Care of and lighting street lamps	450.00
Payment of interest	1000.00
Deficiencies	300.00
Payment of town debt	1000.00
Fire department	400.00
Public library	200.00
Decoration day	100.00
To suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors	150.00

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Art. 5th Voted: That the Selectmen be instructed to expend one hundred dollars of the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges to repair and cover with stone the bridge over Potash brook.

" 6th Voted: That the highway districts be the same as adopted by the town in the year 1876. and that the money raised and appropriated for roads and bridges be expended in the several districts as follows- No 1. Centre district, forty per cent; No 2 South district, ten per cent; No 3. West district- ten per cent; No 4 North district fifteen per cent; No 5; East-district twenty per cent; No 6. Bridges five per cent.

" 7th Voted: That the taxes be collected in the same manner as adopted by the town in the year 1880 and that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be one and one fourth of one per cent- upon all money collected and paid into the treasury.

" 8th Voted: That the Collector of Taxes be, and hereby is, authorized to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

" 9th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums in the aggregate amounting to eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable in one year from the time the loan is made, with interest thereon not exceeding five per cent; per annum. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall

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be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 10th Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a loan to, and for the use of the town of Bedford, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay any part of the town debt which may be called for or to refund any part of the town debt at a lower rate of interest; and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor.

" 12th Voted: That the money received for dog licenses be appropriated for the support of the public library.

" 11th Voted: That the observance of Memorial Day be referred to the Selectmen and Cemetery Committee and that they have full charge of the same.

" 13th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five dollars for the care and improvement of the old burying ground.

" 14th Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall for a patriotic meeting under the direction of the Historical Society to be held on or about April 19th.

" 15th Voted: That the matter contained in this article be referred to the Cemetery Committee and Funeral Undertaker.

" 16th Voted: That that portion of the highway leading from the Lincoln road to the Mead place, be, and hereby is discontinued as a public highway.

" 17th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of forty five dollars for the purchase of a snow plough.

" 18th Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to provide police service from time to time as occasion may require.

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Art. 19th. Voted: That this article be referred to the Selectmen with instructions to pay to Mr Charles H. Clark the amount of damage done to his buggy.

" 20th. Voted: That the matter contained in this article be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair and that said committee shall include one practical carpenter. The Chairman appointed Charles F. Spaulding, Edwin A. Hartwell and Charles W. Jenks.

" 21st. Voted: That the town do accept the provisions of sec. 69 and 73 inclusive of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment and substitution thereof in regard to the election and duties of Overseers of the Poor.

" 22nd Voted: To indefinitely postpone this article.

" 23rd. Voted: That this article be referred to the Engineers of the fire department with instructions to provide shaft or pole for the fire engine as they deem expedient, and that the expense of the same be paid from the appropriation for incidentals.

" 24th. Voted: That the town do accept the doings of the Selectmen in the matter of laying out a road from land of Mr William R. Cayden near the Bedford Springs Railroad Station to a point on North avenue as per record of same filed with the Town Clerk.

" 25th. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars to defray the expense of building the said road, provided it can be built for that amount on legal contract; and provided the said sum can be borrowed on a ten years loan

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Art. 26th Voted: To rescinde the vote whereby the town voted for the extension of the so called Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington to Carlisle bridge in the said town of Bedford.

" 27th Voted: That the town do, through their Board of Selectmen, petition the State authorities to continue Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington through Main Street and North Avenue to Billerica line in the said town of Bedford.

" 28th Voted: That this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: That we extend to our former citizen Dr Henry Shaw a vote of thanks for his information and instruction this afternoon in relation to the settlement and care of the poor.

Voted: That a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Elihu G. Loomis for allowing the Selectmen to cause his trees to be trimmed on the North side of the road leading from Bedford to Lexington.

Voted: To grant the free use of the Town Hall to the Fire Department for their annual dance.

Resolved; That it is the sense of this meeting that the law in regard to the licensing of dogs be carried out for the year 1896 before the expiration of the year, viz:- April 30th 1897.

Resolved; By the citizens of Bedford, assembled in their annual town meeting, that the Commonwealth ought to participate to a greater extent in the support of the public schools, to the end that educational rights may be more equitably afforded.
Resolved, That for this purpose the General Court should establish an annual assessment upon all taxable property and an annual distribution

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of the same to the separate municipalities upon the basis of the average attendance in the schools.
Resolved: That copies of these resolutions be sent without delay to our Senator and Representative at the General Court.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey Town Clerk

Laying out of Sweetwater Avenue.

We the Selectmen of the town of Bedford, hereby certify and report, that on the thirteeth of December 1896 we laid out a town way in said Bedford fifty feet wide, and bounded and measured as follows; to wit: The northerly boundary line thereof extending from a point on Boston and Maine Railroad land, 784 feet through land of William R. Hayden, 660 feet through land belonging to estate of Joshua A. Jackson and 509 feet through land owned by Hiram L. Dutton, thence 365 feet through the Jackson estate to point on North Road, and Southern boundary line thereof being parallel with and fifty feet distant Southerly from the said Northern boundary and measuring 2318 feet more or less according to the line shown of the Street on a certain plan owned by William R. Hayden.
Filed on the second day of January 1897. in the Town Clerk's Office at Bedford Mass

Irving L. Hodgdon
William S. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.
Arthur H. Parker

May 20th 1897.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following damages were awarded the estates of Hiram L. Dutton and Mary Jackson. To Hiram L. Dutton the sum of two hundred and twenty five (225.00) dollars. To Mary Jackson the sum of sixty six

dollars ($66.00) as land damage on Dr W. R. Hayden road so called.

Irving L. Hodgdon
William C. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford.
Willis G. Lane

A true copy Attest

Charles A. Corey Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 3rd 1897.

Middlesex S. S.

To Edward P. Kelley Constable of Bedford. Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bedford qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall of said town on Thursday the third day of June next at 8 o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles of town affairs, viz;-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

" 2nd To see if the town will reconsider its vote whereby it voted for the extension of the so called Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington line through Main street and North Avenue to the Billerica line in the said town of Bedford or do anything in relation thereto.

" 3rd To see if the town will vote to petition the Massachusetts Highway Commission to continue Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington line through Main street to Carlisle line as per survey made by Albert E. Wood, or do any thing in relation thereto.

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Art. 4th. To see if the town will authorize their Board of Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission under Chapter 497 Sec 4 Acts of 1894 for the building of a section of Massachusetts Avenue to be built in Bedford this year, or do any thing in relation thereto,

Art. 5th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of graveling Carlisle road, or do any thing in relation to the same,

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Bedford House Office eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting, Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting,

Given under our hands at Bedford this 26th day of May A. D. 1897.

George L. Hodgden
William P. Hartwell } Selectmen of Bedford,
Willis S. Lane

Bedford May 27th 1897

I have served the above warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Town Hall and at the Office of the Bedford House on the 27th day of May A. D. 1897

Edward P. Kelley
Constable of Bedford,

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In accordance with the foregoing warrant and notice the inhabitants of the town of Bedford met and acted on the matter contained therein as follows:-

Art. 1st. Chose by ballot and use of check list George R. Blinn Moderator.

2nd Voted: That the town do rescinde its vote whereby it voted for the extension of the so called Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington line through Main Street and North Avenue to the Billerica line in the said town of Bedford.

3rd Voted: That the town do petition the Massachusetts Highway Commission to continue Massachusetts Avenue from Lexington line through Main Street to Carlisle line as per survey made by Albert E. Wood

4th Voted: That the town do not authorize their Board of Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission for building any part of the State Road and do hereby waive all right to contract for the same.

5th Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of graveling Carlisle road.

Voted: To adjourn.

A true record

Attest Charles A. Corey

Town Clerk.